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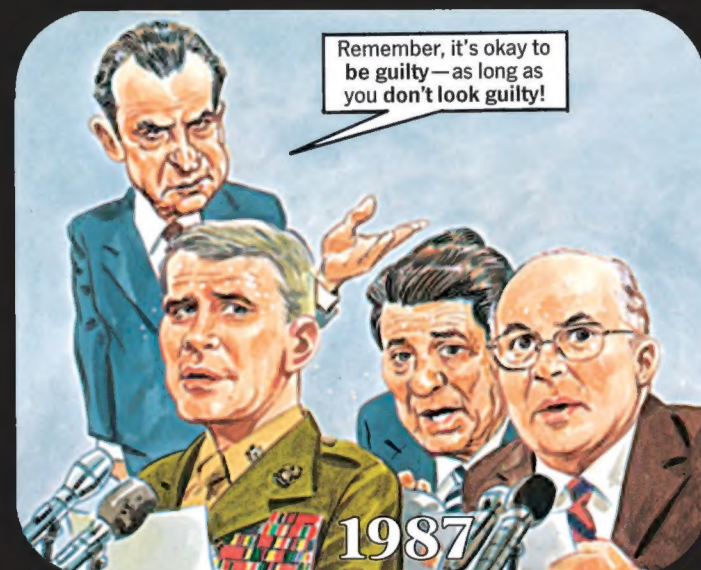
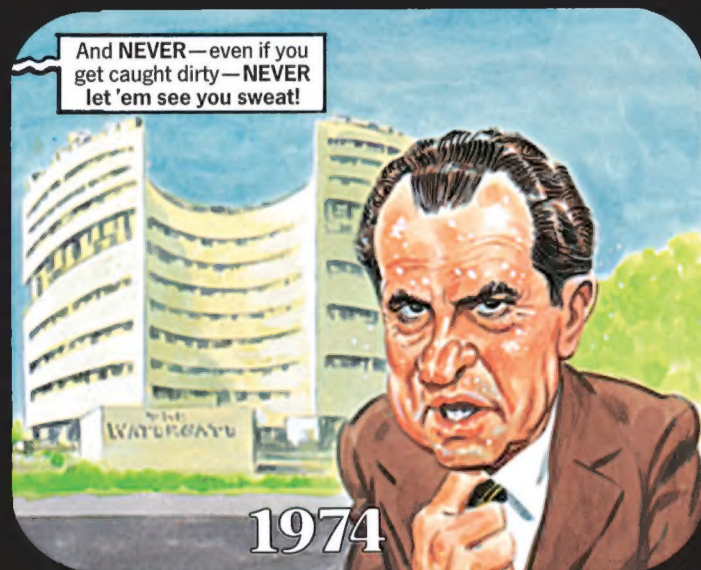
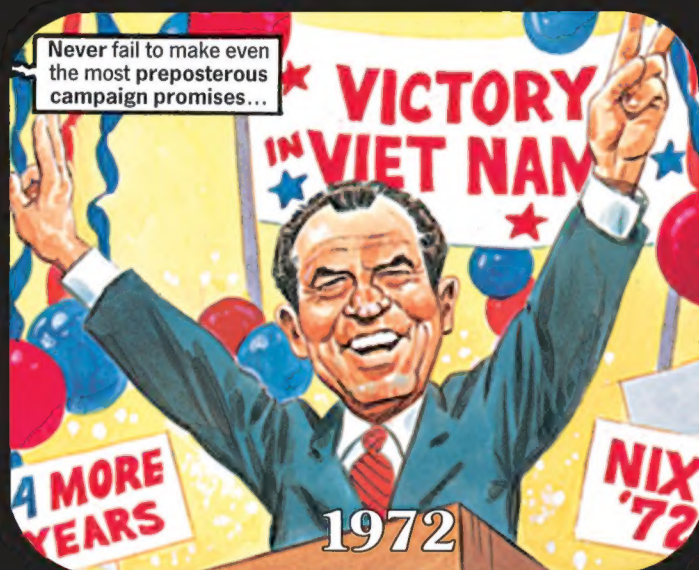
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WRITER & ARTIST DON MARTIN



# A TV COMMERCIAL WE'D LIKE TO SEE

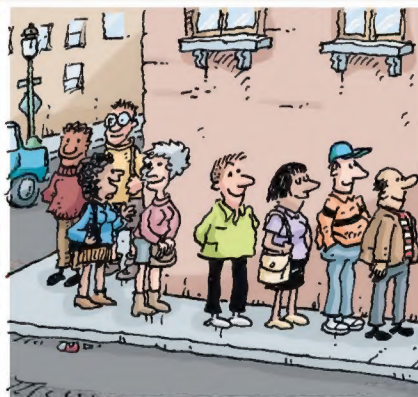




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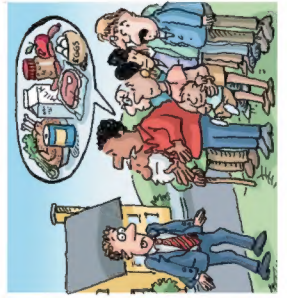
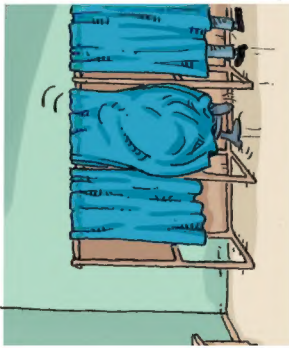
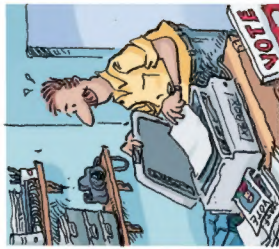
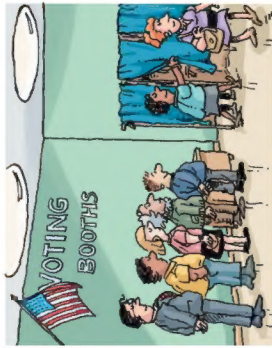
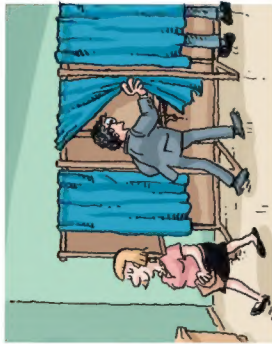
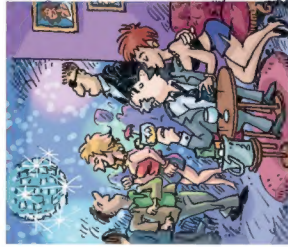
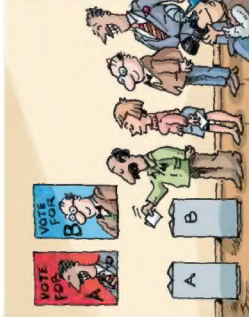
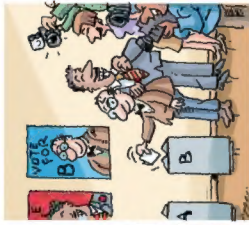
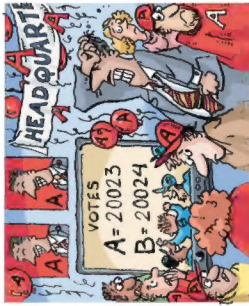
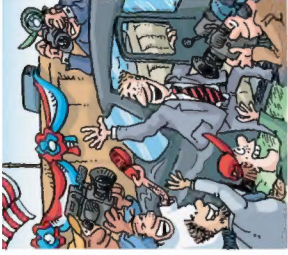
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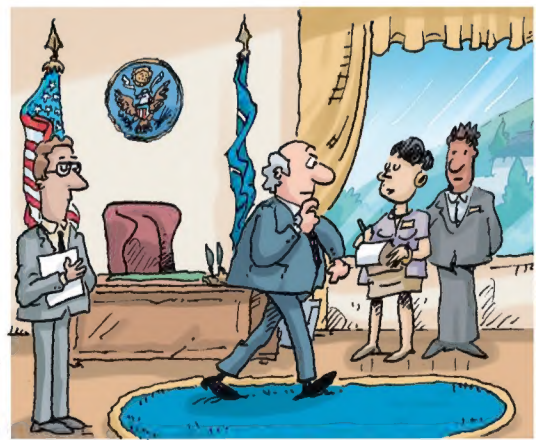
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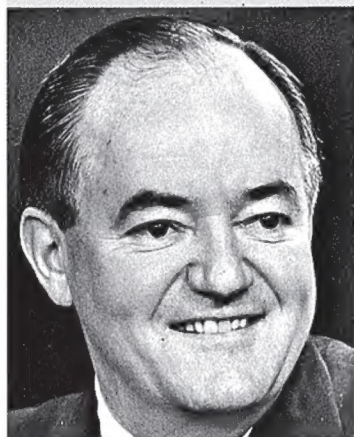
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EUGENE MCCARTHY



PRESIDENT  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON



GOVERNOR  
RONALD REAGAN



VICE-PRESIDENT  
HUBERT HUMPHREY



**PIECE CANDIDATE DEPT.**

In November, America will choose between the candidates of the two major political parties, and one of them will become President of the United States. But what about the other fine men who have vied for their Party's choice at recent National Conventions? And what about the other great men who weren't even in the running? If only we could take the best qualities of each and forge them into one ideal Presidential Candidate! If we *could*, we'd come up with:

# MAD MAGAZINE'S IDEAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Conceived by Lou Silverstone

Researched by Max Brandel

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GOVERNOR  
MARK HATFIELD



GOVERNOR  
NELSON ROCKEFELLER



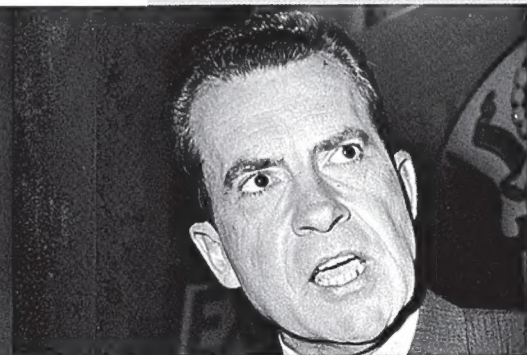
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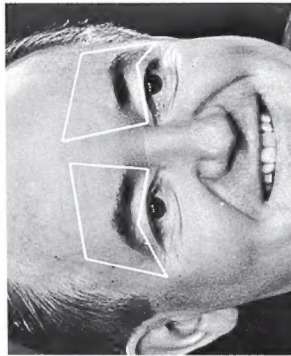


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JOHN V. LINDSAY

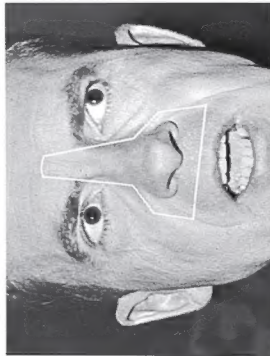


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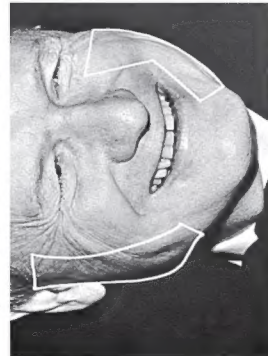
THE "TALK-TO-'EM-HIGHBROW" EYEBROWS OF Vice-President Hubert Humphrey



THE "ALWAYS-LOSES-BY-A-NOSE" NOSE OF Richard M. Nixon



THE "EAR-TO-THE-RIGHT" RIGHT EAR OF Mayor John V. Lindsay



THE "UNMITIGATED CHEEK" CHEEKS OF ... Governor Nelson Rockefeller

# HERE IS *MAD*'S IDEAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!



THE "CREDIBILITY GAP" CREATED BY Practically All Politicians



THE "LAUGHING-UP-HIS-SLEEVE" GRIN OF Ex-Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower

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THE "STICK-YOUR-CHIN-WAY-OUT" CHIN OF Senator Eugene McCarthy



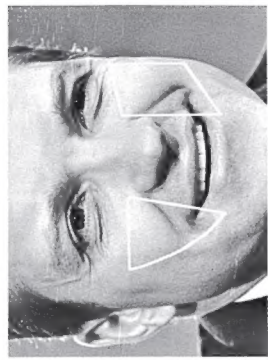
THE "CONSERVATIVE HEAD" OF HAIR OF Governor Ronald Reagan



THE "EYES-ON-THE-WHITE-HOUSE" EYES OF Governor Mark Hatfield

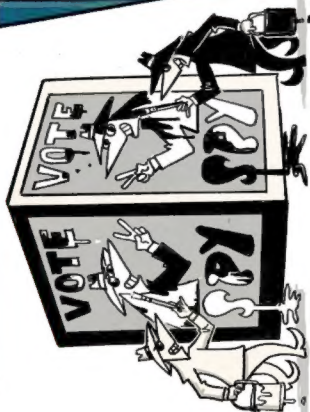


THE "EAR-TO-THE-LEFT" LEFT EAR OF ... President Lyndon B. Johnson

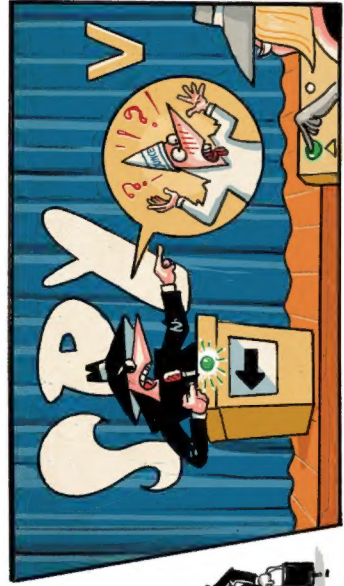


THE "SMILING LINES" SMILE-LINES OF ... Senator Charles H. Percy





WRITER & ARTIST PETER KUPER







DREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DEPT.

# WHITE HOUSE CORRUPTION

An EPA chief who denies climate change? Check! A frack-happy Secretary of the Interior who loves big-game trophy hunting? Check and check! A gaggle of inner-circle bozos burning jet fuel for personal jaunts? We hear Moscow is beautiful this time of year! And yet none of them can hold a candle to the king: Donald Trump has reportedly spent nearly \$80 million of U.S. taxpayer money on golf trips since taking office. Which has us thinking...

SO LONG  
**DC**  
WASHINGTON

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DRAIN THE

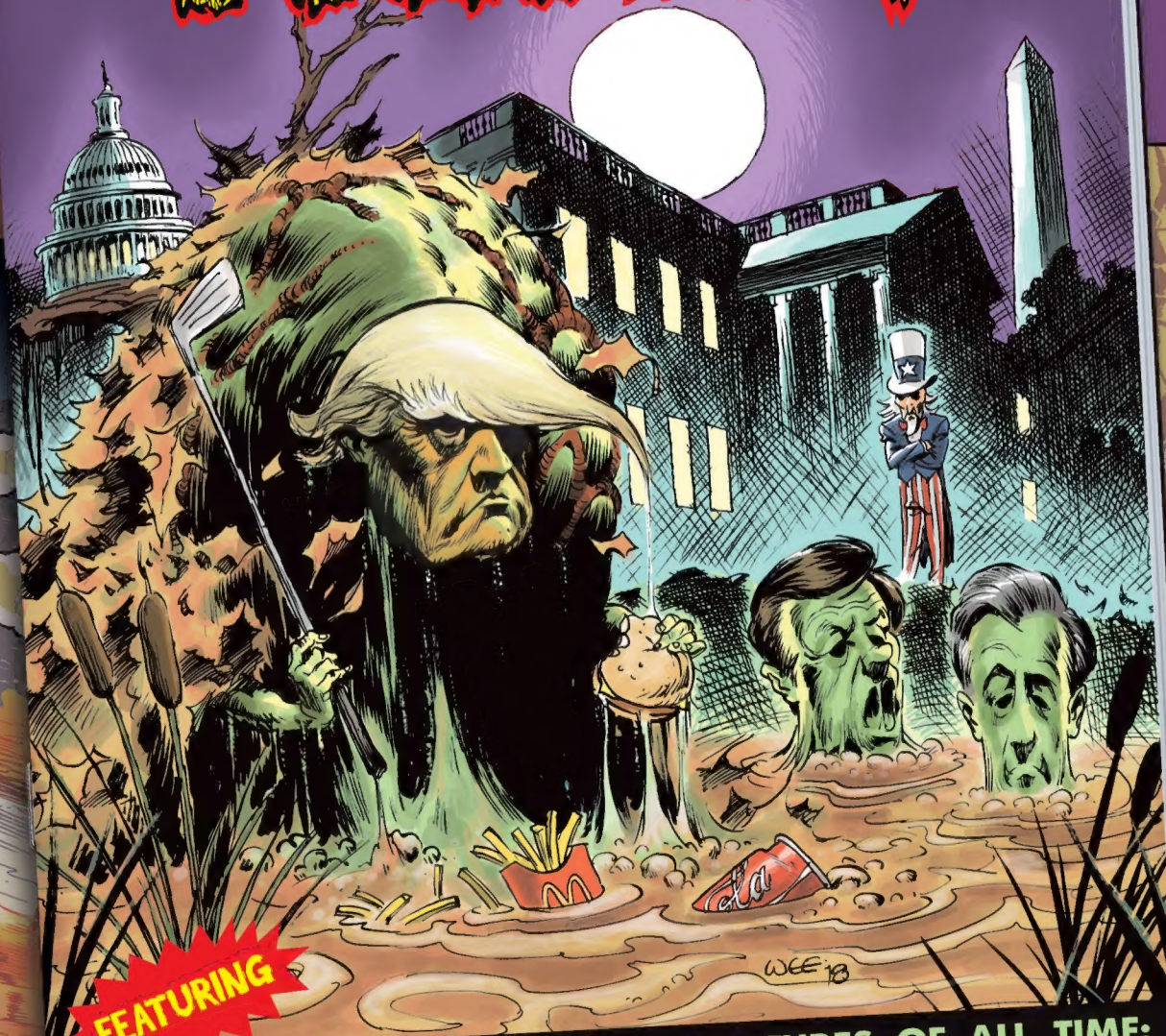
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# SWAMP THING?

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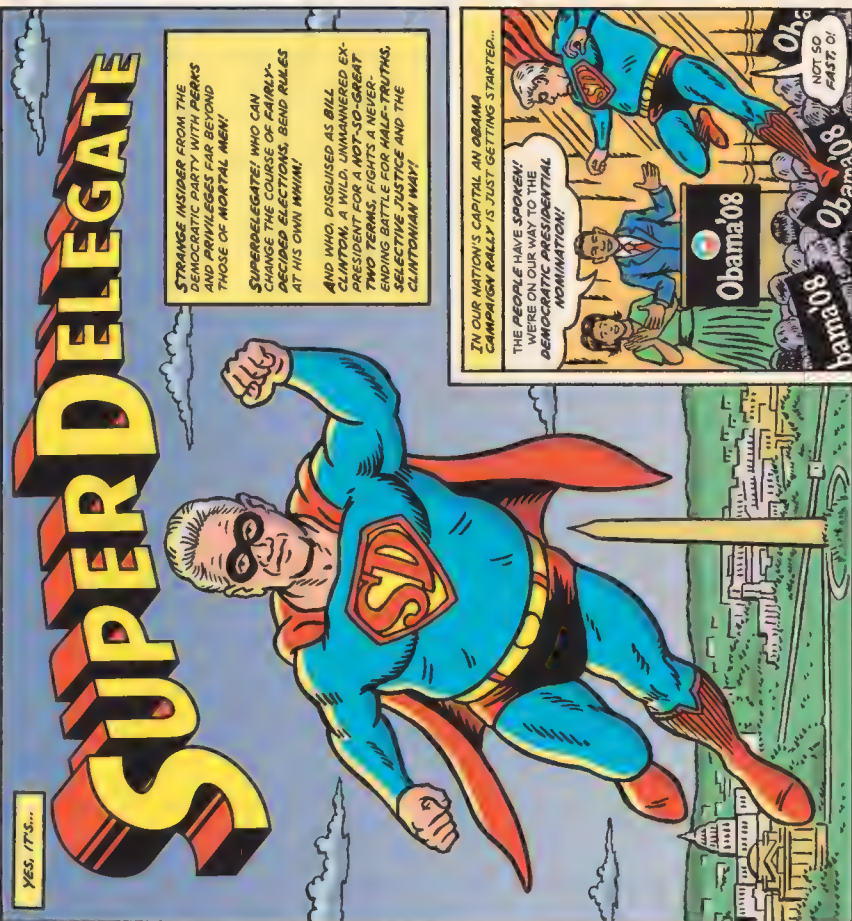
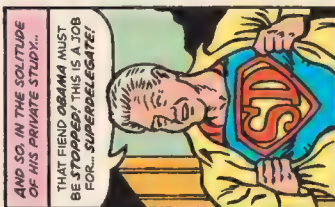
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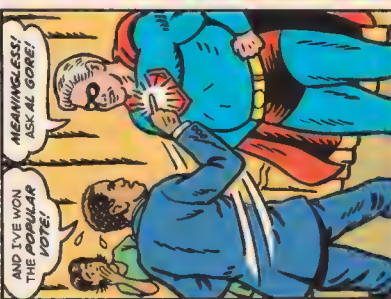
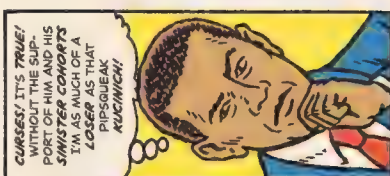
**FEATURING**

**THE GREATEST SWAMP CREATURES OF ALL TIME:**  
EPA ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WILBUR ROSS, SECRETARY  
OF THE INTERIOR RYAN ZINKE, AND SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY STEVEN MNUCHIN!





WRITER JOE RAIOLA ARTIST R. SNORYAK

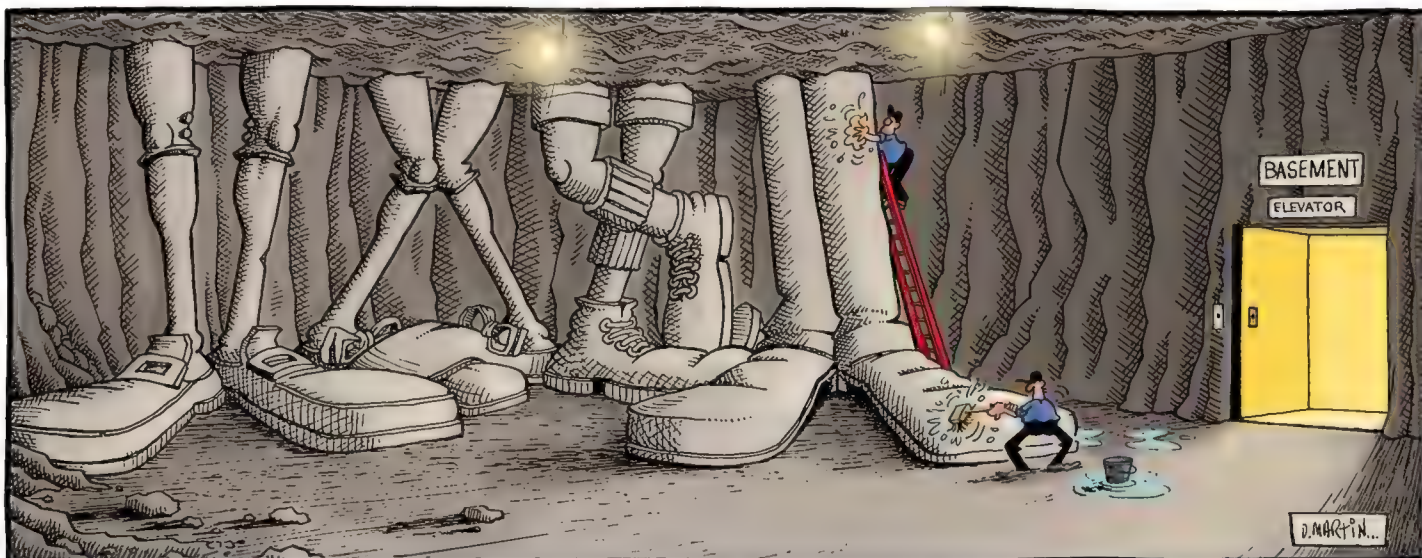
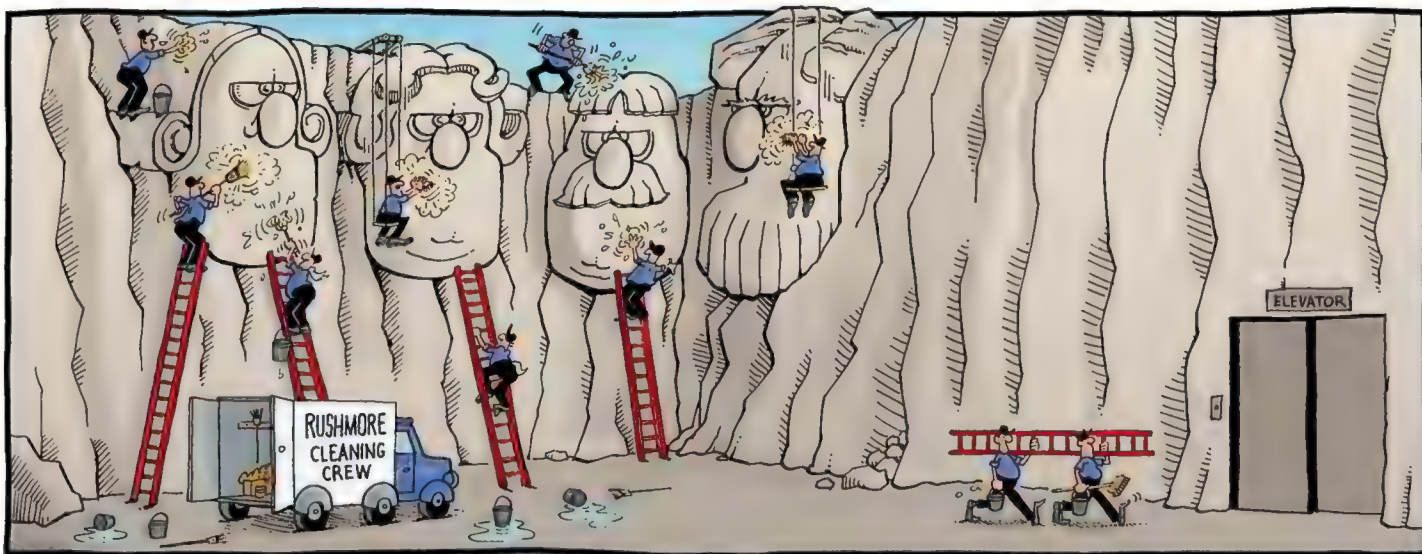
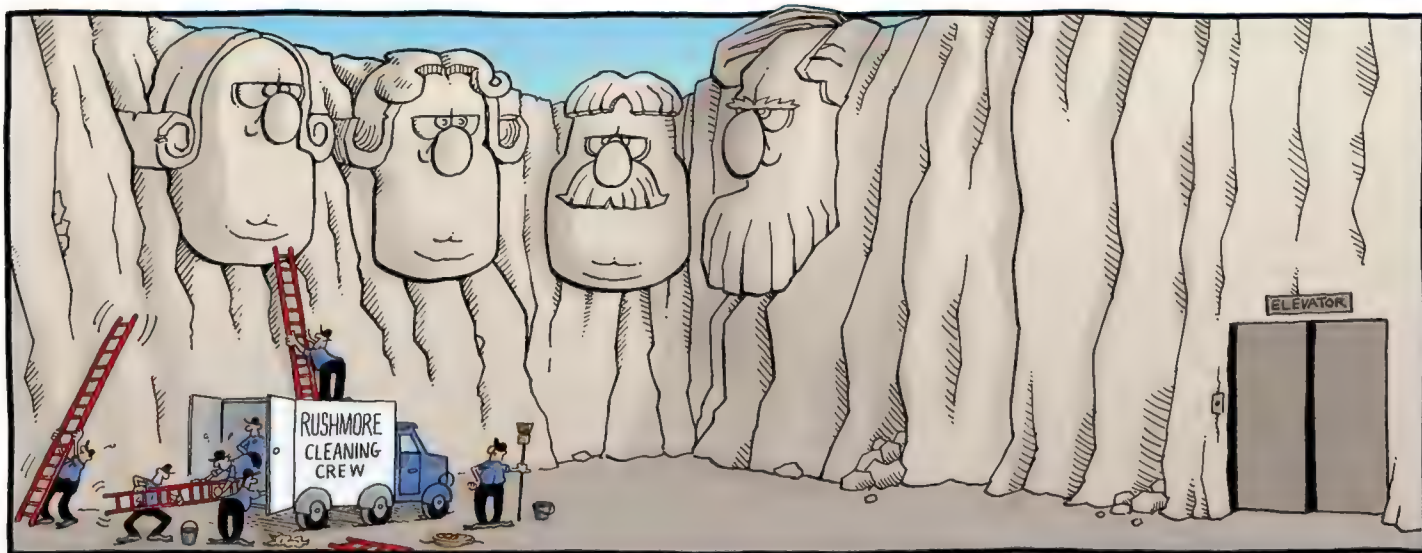


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# ONE DAY AT MOUNT RUSHMORE



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## GLOOM AND VROOM DEPT.

America has always looked to its presidents for guidance...for leadership...for inspiration...until this year. Before the shake-up in the race, we seemed to be stuck with two decrepit candidates who couldn't beat Franklin Roosevelt in a footrace. Donald Trump is a felonious gasbag, and Joe Biden has run out of gas! Who will save us from...



# THE FASCIST & THE FEEBLEST

WRITER DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST TOM RICHMOND

When I win this election, I will be a dictator, but only on day one! I'll be a tyrant on day two, a warlord on day three, and a modern-day Attila the Hun on day four! I'll rule with an iron fist. My tiny iron fist. Attila was a strong leader, and he liked me very much.

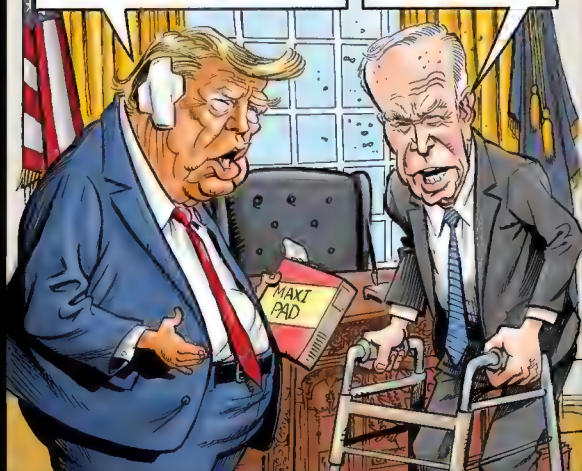
Whatever happens on Election Day, I won't know the results until Wednesday. The polls don't close until eight P.M., and that's after my bedtime!

After I beat you again, I don't want to hear more of your crying and malarkey! You can't gaslight Mama Biden's boy. I grew up using actual incandescent gas lighting!

Everybody knows the 2020 election was stolen. And then stolen. Which is worse than stolen. And in 2024, it'll be stollllllen! So many L's, the likes of which we've never seen before. They sneak across our border, those L's.

C'mon, man. You're the only traitor who's tried to end democracy. I'm focused on my duties as president...if only I could remember what they are! Look, you don't trust me, and I don't trust you. So now what?

This campaign has been furious, but not fast enough! There's gotta be a better way to settle this...





This will be the first presidential election decided by a cross-country car race. About 2,800 miles, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Though with global warming, the distance between the oceans will soon be 700 miles!

Interviewing these broken-down fossil about this auto race is hopeless. One candidate can't get his words out, and the other can't shut the f%&g up!

The only thing real is family.

Family's what matters.

It's all about family.

Oh no please, God I hope not.

MMMM, DELICIOUS BRAIN WORM!

I knew I shouldn't have bought my uncle Ted's car!

This time I came prepared, I'm wearing a turtleneck!

Amazing. Trump uses more makeup than me!

They also make great airbags!

COVID hasn't gone away. A crowded super-spreader event like this could lead to dozens of the people here dying. But only if our nation is lucky!

I'VE BITTEN EVERYONE IN WASHINGTON—EXCEPT KRISTI NOCHI. I'M NOT SUICIDAL!

I got a \$130,000 payoff to keep quiet about his sex act. That's the equivalent of \$390,000 per minute—which makes it the world's most expensive speeding ticket for Two-Pump Trump!

I'll be glad to sign your photos. Nothing means more to me than the loyal support of my fellow Democrats!

Thank you, I can't wait to HANG IT UP, JOE.

Here's another pen. YOU MUST NOT RUN out of ink.

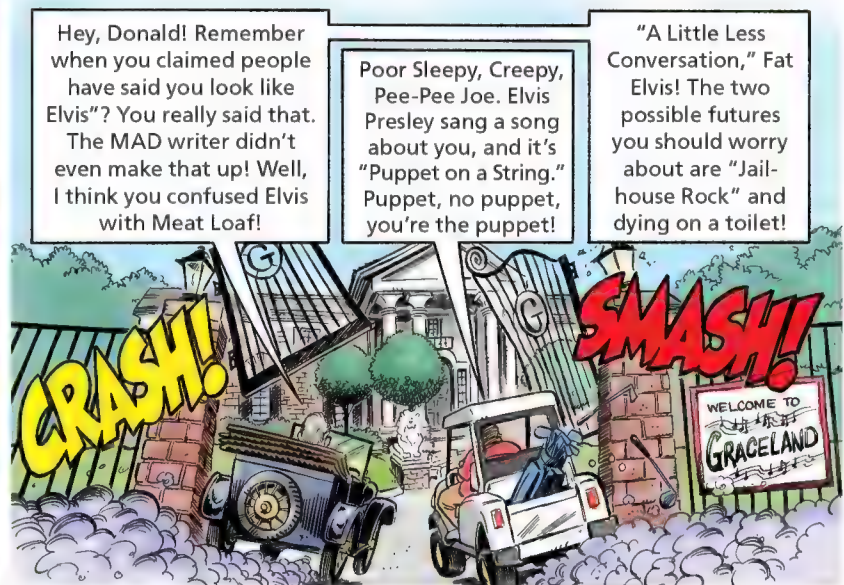
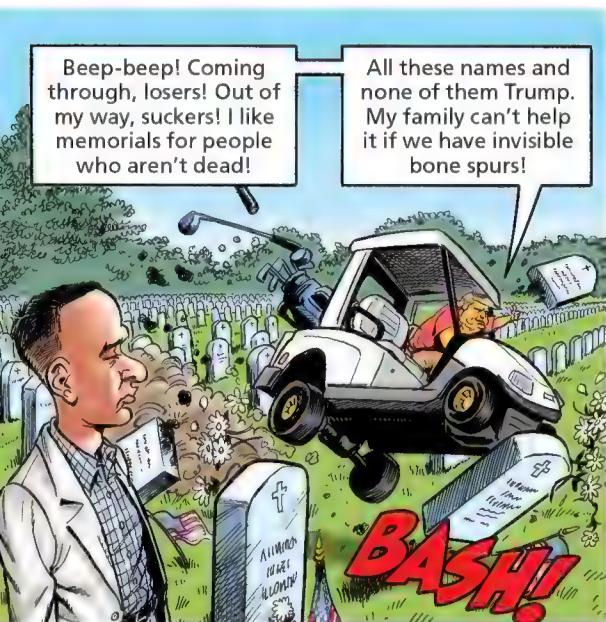
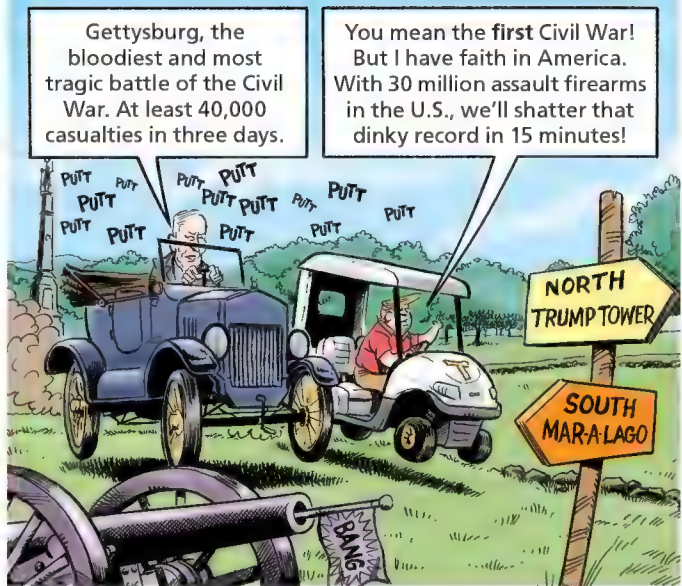
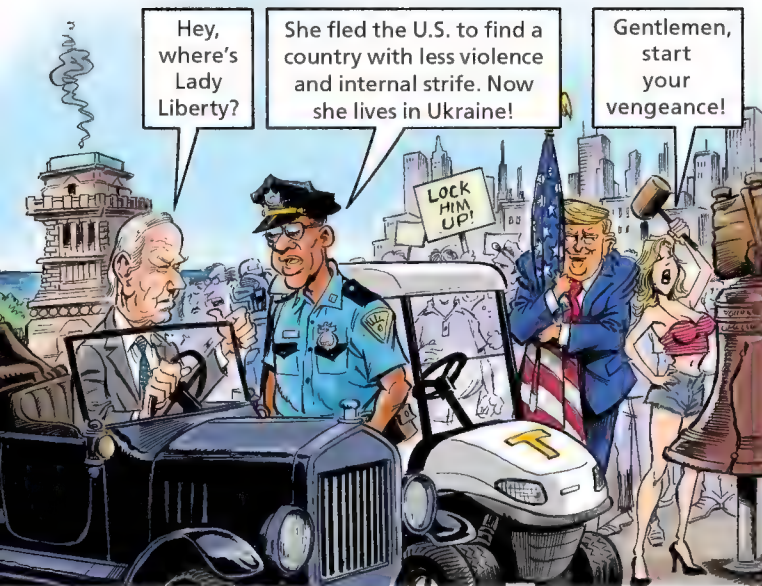
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Fake news! Fake videos! Fake elections! If there's one thing the Hulkster can't stomach, brother, it's things that are fake!

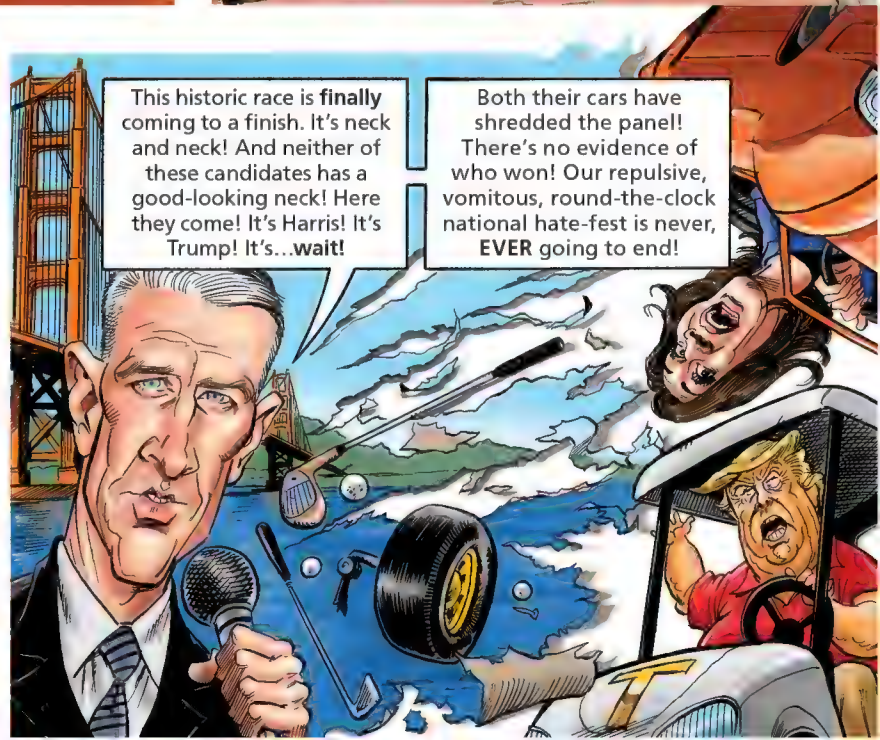
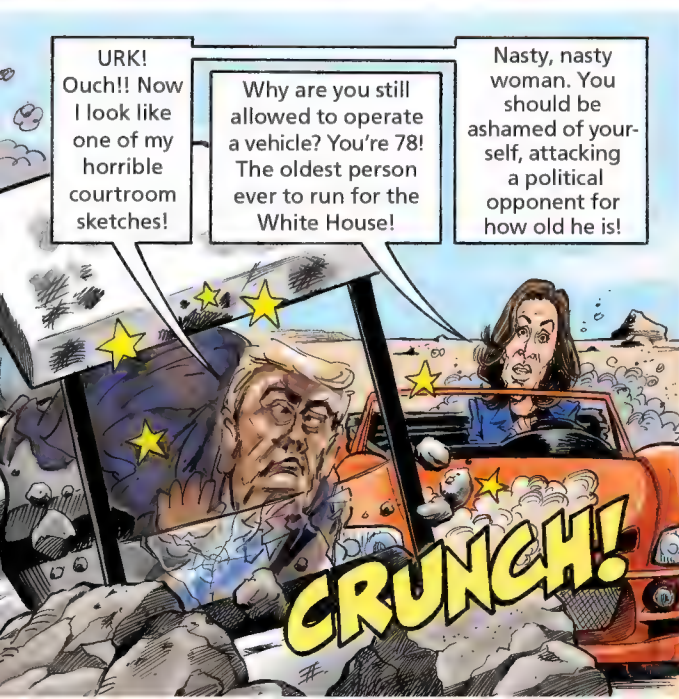
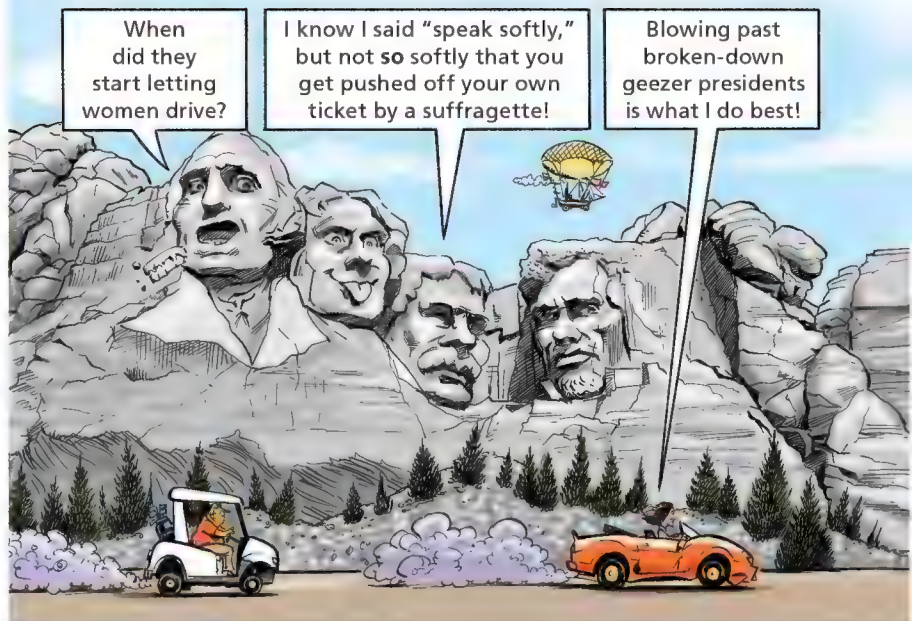
I wish Trump would stop mentioning my name. It makes me look bad!













# MID-EVIL DEPT.

In Washington, the fat cats act  
Like greedy pigs and hogs.  
They gobble up your taxes while  
The world goes to the dogs.  
But now some new beasts have arrived  
And they're a lot more scary.  
To show them to you, MAD presents...

# THE GREAT TRUMP BESTIARY

WRITER DAVID SEIDMAN

ARTIST LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ

## THE TRUMP

The Trump says he's a mighty bear  
Who frightens all he meets.  
He'll try to awe you with his roars,  
And yet they're only tweets.  
He may not be a bear at all,  
He's not that strong and potent.  
Is he a scary predator  
Or just a bloated rodent?



## THE IVANKA

The beautiful Ivanka flies  
Above the world with grace,  
And when the world looks up to her,  
She poops right in its face.  
And yet the Trump won't scold the girl  
Or look at her aslance.  
He'll never risk his hope and dream:  
To get inside her pants.



## THE KUSHNER

"I love this beast," the Trump declares.  
"I'll give him lots to do.  
I'll give him half the world and then  
Toot in my daughter, too.  
He's just a dumb, entitled brat,  
Inept as he can be.  
So why do I adore him so?  
Because he's just like me!"



## THE DONALD JR.

The Donald Junior thinks he's smart,  
But time and time again,  
His private, secret meetings get  
Exposed on CNN.  
"Don't call me dumb," he says.  
"It's slander, it's barbaric."  
But who could be more dumb than you?  
"Come meet my brother, Eric."



## THE PENCE

The pious Pence says, "God demands  
That women's rights be few.  
But God's no sexist; he believes  
Gay men should suffer, too."  
The Pence means everything he says,  
But some have asked, "Does he  
Spell God's name J-E-S-U-S  
Or T-R-U-M-P?"



## THE STAMPEDE

The Trump has lost a herd of beasts  
That he once called his own.  
Like Christie, Comey, Huley, Flynn,  
Hope Hicks and Gary Cohn.  
Their critics say, "Ya shoulda known  
The Trump was gonna con ya."  
Who's going next? Though no one's sure,  
Our money's on Melania.





Finally, the U.S. has started reining in those crazy women's rights! All that bodily autonomy stuff has gotten out of hand, with an alarming number of females under the misconception that they have power over conception! Now that there's talk of state-run agencies monitoring pregnancies to ensure laws are obeyed, we asked religious conservatives for...

# MORE HELPFUL WAYS THE GOVERNMENT CAN TRACK WOMEN'S LIVES!

WRITER & ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

## RANDOM WEIGH STATIONS

Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial to childbearing, raising children, and most importantly, pleasing one's husband. So it's pop-up scale time for the gals.

I'm here to pick up a takeout order for Ramsey.



## ROUTINE NIGHTSTAND SCANS

Nothing messes with the delicate female psyche quite like thought-provoking literature. So a team of Certified Appropriate Reading Specialists are necessary to keep the girls godly.

Well, we don't need you becoming like Michelle Obama, so this one goes in the bonfire. And you shouldn't be filling your head with this rambling gibberish.

That's Emily Dickinson.

Watch your mouth, honey!



## MENSTRUATION MANAGEMENT

Another safeguard for the sanctity of procreation: a Feminine Hygiene Registry for reproductive-age women.

Hmm...Miss, um, Korpasky, it looks like you ran out of Fresh Nite Max-Absorbency Pads several months ago. We'll be notifying the proper authorities.



## APPAREL INSPECTIONS

Modest clothing is a must for a society that upholds traditional family values.

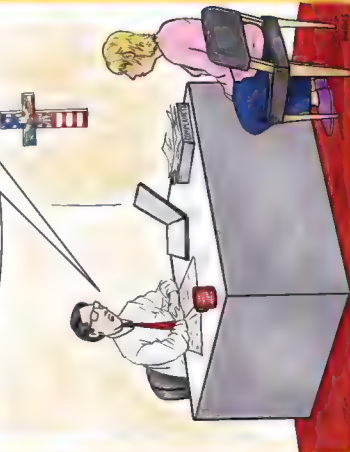
Yes, you were obeying the speed limit. But do you realize how exposed your shoulders are?!



## HOUSEKEEPING CHECKS

We all know what cleanliness is next to—and we know whose job it is to keep it that way.

We brought you in because our surveillance footage shows areas of crud on your bathroom faucet.



## INSUBORDINATION TIP LINE

This service provides a safe way for citizens to report any witty violations.

So you witnessed your neighbor, Mrs. Cavanaugh, speaking in an unpleasant tone to Mr. Cavanaugh? And she once suggested her family dine on cereal? She'll be fined accordingly—thank you for your patriotism.

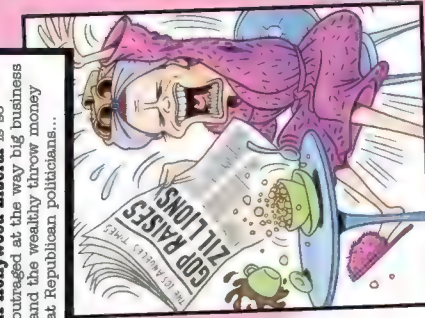




Back in issue #398, some bleeding heart writer hijacked the pages of MAD for the purpose of exposing the hypocrisy of so-called Compassionate Conservatives. As a result, we were inundated with letters of complaint, both of which pointed out that, hey, there's just as much, if not more, hypocrisy in certain species of the political left, such as the famous (even infamous) Hollywood Liberal! So, in the interests of equal time, we hereby present...

# WHAT IS A Hollywood Liberal?

**A Hollywood Liberal** is so outraged at the way big business and the wealthy throw money at Republican politicians...

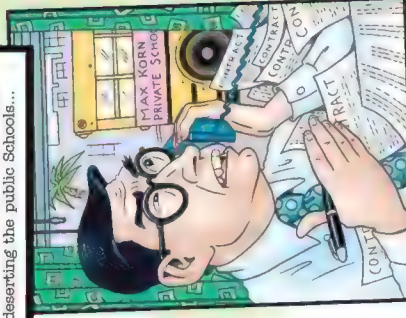


...that they can't stop fuming about it during their bi-monthly \$25,000-a-plate fundraisers at Barbra Streisand's to benefit Democratic candidates!

**A Hollywood Liberal** is a staunch supporter of organized labor, who will do everything possible to help out the unions...



**A Hollywood Liberal** is against the school voucher system, which would result in millions of kids deserting the public Schools...



...leaving hardly anyone dumb enough to sit through all their illiterate, moronic crap movies!

**A Hollywood Liberal** pins all of the blame for Columbine-like massacres on the NRA...



...right after he gets back from making his latest movie in a non-union state like North Carolina or Arizona, with seab film crews who undercut their L.A. counterparts by 50% or more!

**A Hollywood Liberal** believes in the First Amendment right of Free Speech for all...



...except Dr. Laura Schlesinger!

**A Hollywood Liberal** rails stridently in favor of letting women have control over their bodies...

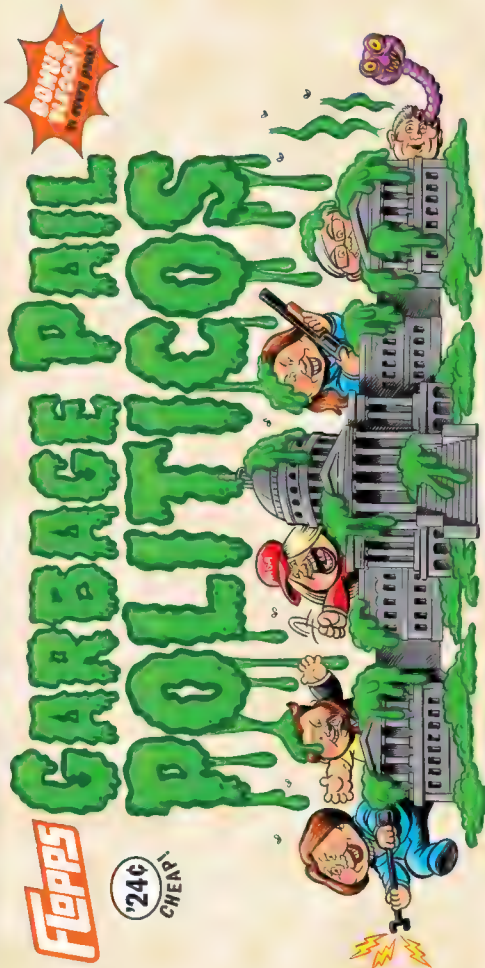


...except when they're pressuring actresses into getting boob jobs, face lifts and tummy tucks if they want the part.

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Hey, kids! Stick it to the wonkiest of today's political wonks with these sticker trading cards. From the trash-talkers to the head-scratchers, these characters are sure to delight you and disgust your parents in these divisive times. Collect—or reject!—them all!



WRITER PAULA SEVENBERGEN

ARTIST BRENT ENGSTROM



Adding this parasitic independent to your collection is a no-brainer!



Scoring this two-faced "shillbilly" turned VP wannabe is like getting two cards in one!



This corrupt senator's card is worth its weight in gold!



Swap this dominant Dem with friends—just like she swapped out their candidate!



This GOP rep is quite the rare find... yet somehow isn't valuable!

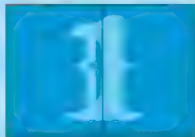




## ADVENT-AGEOUS GIFTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS

In 2020 the Democratic party gave us an absurd number of presidential hopefuls (27!). While some dropped faster than Trump's approval rating, other candidates continue to battle it out. But in the spirit of the holiday season, these competitors are banding together to offer up the gifts they feel America needs most. Count down to being closer to 2020 (and the primary) with this special...

### Democratic MADvent Calendar



**Richard Ojeda**



**Eric Swalwell**



**Mike Grapel**

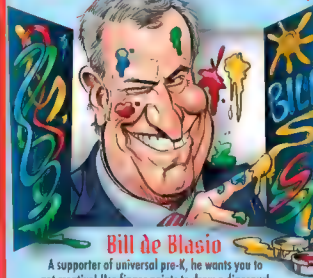


**John Hickenlooper**

He wants you to have this cool rock he found. Don't remember him? Then he wants his fracking gift back!

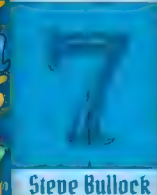


**Jay Inslee**



**Bill de Blasio**

A supporter of universal pre-K, he wants you to get creative! Use finger paints to draw a dinosaur! And a rocket! And write in his name on Election Day!



**Steve Bullock**



**Kirsten Gillibrand**

The New York senator presents gold and myrrh, but no way is she bringing Al Frankincense.



**Joe Sestak**



**Seth Moulton**



**Michael Bennet**



**Wayne Messam**



**John Delaney**



**Julian Castro**



**Tim Ryan**



**Cory Booker**

He has big domestic economic policies lined up, but if they fall through, at least you can remodel your mom's basement with this gift card.

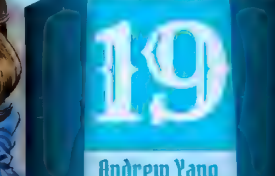


**Tom Steyer**



**Marianne Williamson**

With this smudge stick, the spiritual guru wants to rid you of negative energy and Republicans.

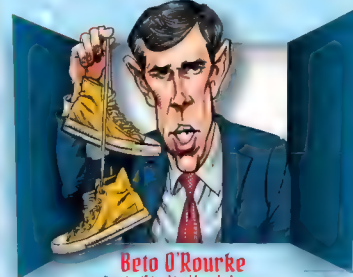


**Andrew Yang**



**Amy Klobuchar**

The Minnesota senator promises to combat rising drug prices. She has good points for America, and now you'll have points to redeem on gummy vitamins.



**Beto O'Rourke**

Beto is gifting his old punk shoes as he tries to fill some bigger ones.

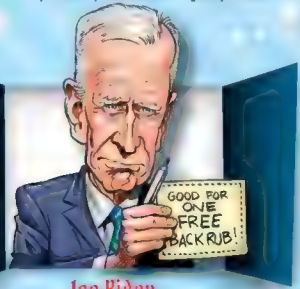


**Kamala Harris**

The Ghost of Criminal Sentencing's Past may haunt the former California attorney general, but it's Christmas! You get a pass!

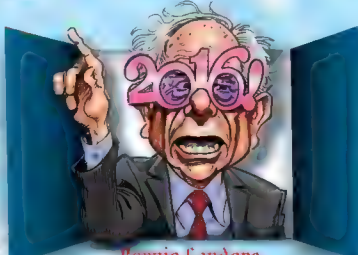


**Tulsi Gabbard**



**Joe Biden**

Our former VP has been busy overcoming some ticklish PR episodes, so he didn't have time to buy a real gift...



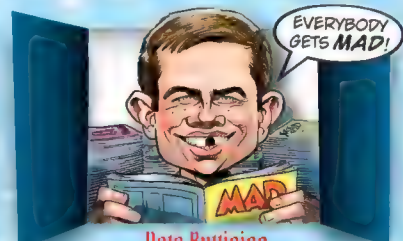
**Bernie Sanders**

Throwback Thursday! Remember when the Sandman was the radical, cool Democratic outlier just a couple years ago? He sure hopes you do!



**Elizabeth Warren**

These DNA kits don't test for tribal membership, but did you know they can reveal a gluten allergy?



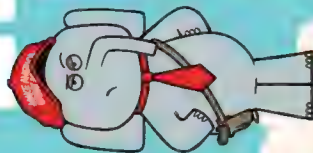
**Pete Buttigieg**

Hard to believe just mere months ago he was saying, "Alfred E. Who, Man?" because now he's a fan!

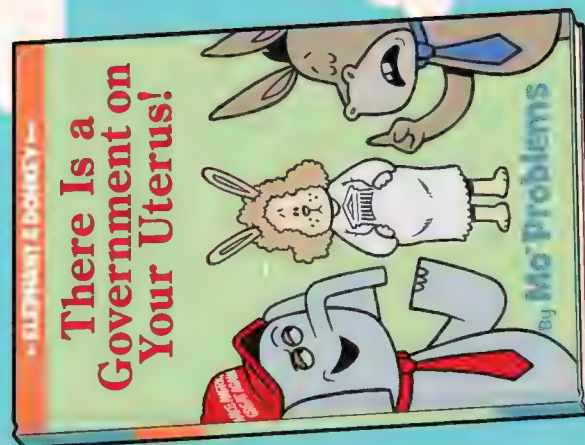
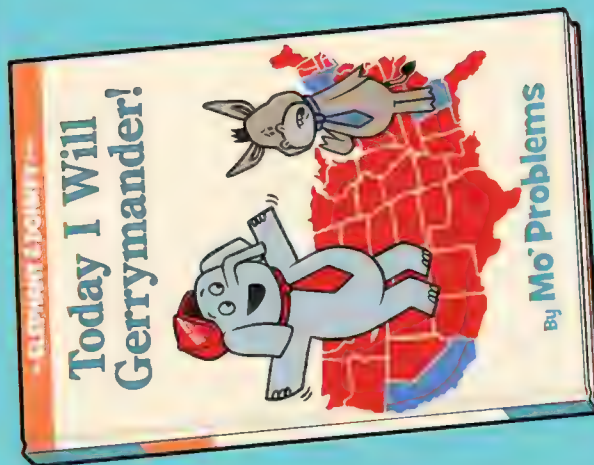


The political divide in the U.S. has grown wider than ever. In contentious times like these, we look to our nation's children and ask...why aren't they as pissed off as the rest of us?? Well, now we can drag our kids into the discourse with the help of America's most partisan pair.

# ELEPHANT & DONKEY



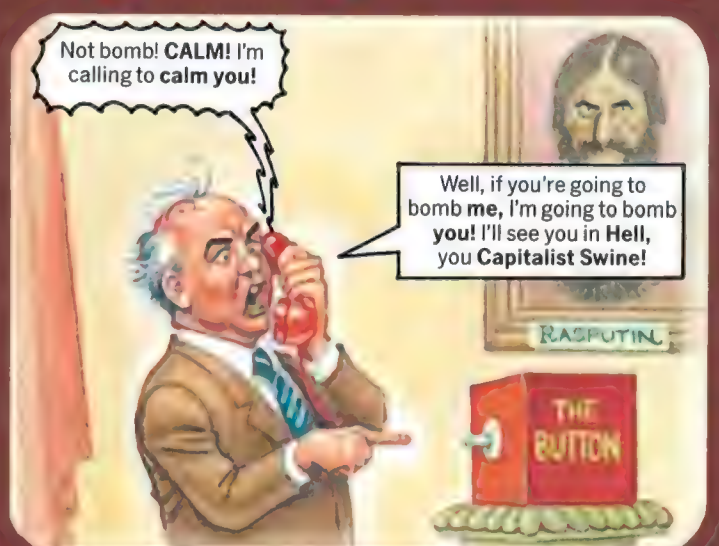
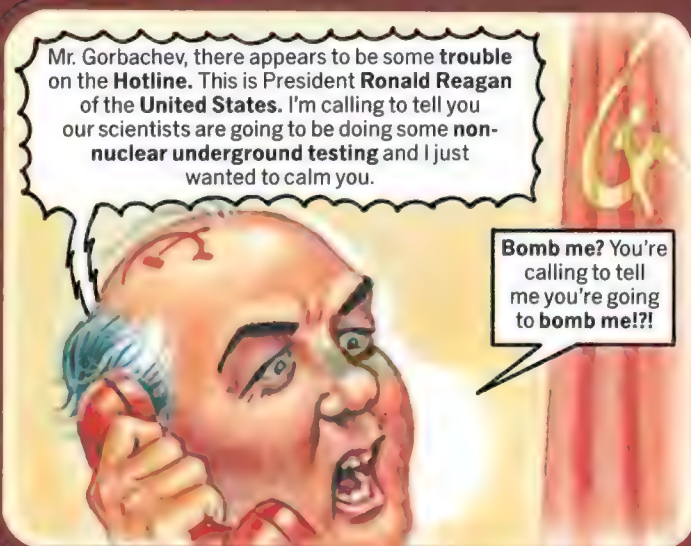
By **Mo' Problems**





# GREAT MOMENTS IN ADVERTISING

The Day AT&T Went Too Far







Ross Perot's popularity in the 1992 Presidential election proved that the two-party system in American politics is in, as George Bush used to say, "deep doo-doo." Clearly, the main reason for this is the fact that the core constituents of both the Democrats and Republicans are all boneheads — political zealots who are so blinded by their own agendas and bias that they fail to see the absurdities of the positions they espouse. But fear not, term-limits-breath! MAD is here, ready to dispense Comedic Prozac to the deluded masses! Here's...



WRITER RUSS COOPER ARTIST PAUL COKER ARTIST CARL PETERSON

ONLY A **REPUBLICAN** COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...  
ONLY A **DEMOCRAT** COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...

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...that our country's inspirational needs would be best served by the mesmerizing oratorical wizardry of Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale or Paul Tsongas.

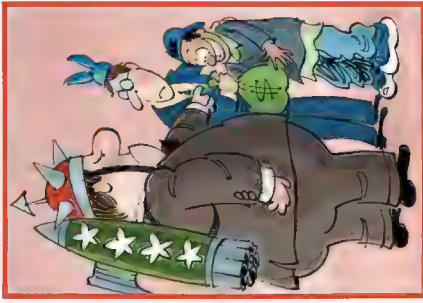
ONLY A **REPUBLICAN** COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...gays in the military are more morally unacceptable than Tailhooking, sexually-harassing, misogynistic, give-'em-a promotion-instead-of-the-dishonorable-discharge-they-so-obviously-deserve heterosexuals in the military.



ONLY A REPUBLICAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...that any budget, plan or social program that the Democrats come up with could be any more far-fetched, wrong-minded and/or expensive than "Star Wars" was.

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...that "inept-but-well-meaning" is somehow preferable to "devious-but-good-at-it."

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



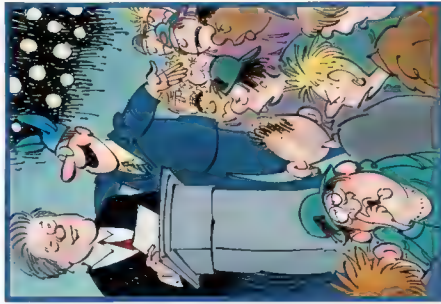
...winning a Larry King debate against ranting, billionaire mega-loon Ross Perot is somehow a big achievement.

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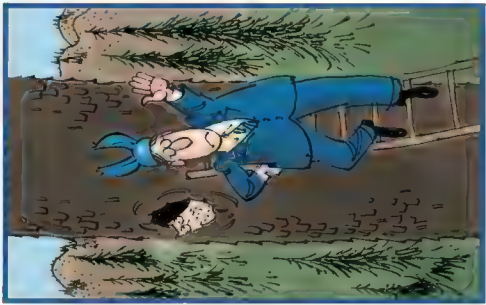
...towering tax cuts as an incentive for huge multi-billion dollar corporations — yes! 25-cent increase in the minimum wage — hell no!

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...the nation is just dying to see how a President can handle those really tough questions from those issue-obsessed MTV audiences.

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...unwanted fetuses — hell, yes! Spotted outs — hell, yes!

ONLY A REPUBLICAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



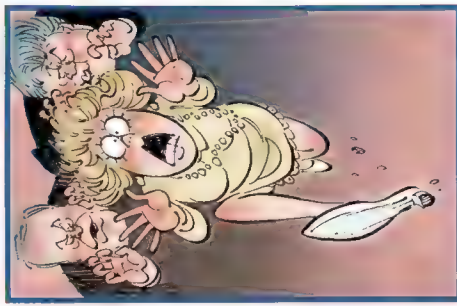
...that with all the pork-barrel infested backroom sweetheart deals, \$600 hammers and fumbling, crumbling S&Ls, it's the \$100-a-month welfare checks that are going to crush the country.

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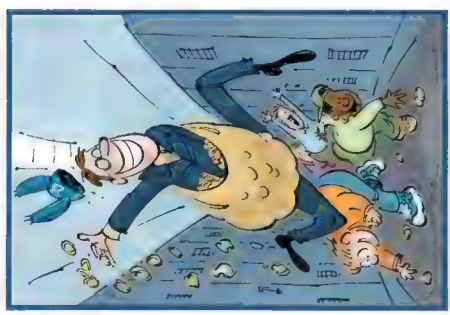
...the best way to support family values is by pathologically vetoing every family leave/child care bill that wanders in their sight.

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



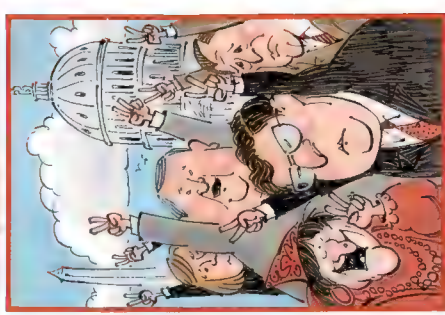
...Bob Packwood: Evil, leering, harassing fiend should be drummed out of office! Ted Kennedy: Uhhmm...

ONLY A DEMOCRAT COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



...allowing prayers in school might result in adverse peer pressure for those who don't participate...but allowing condoms in school won't.

ONLY A REPUBLICAN COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE...



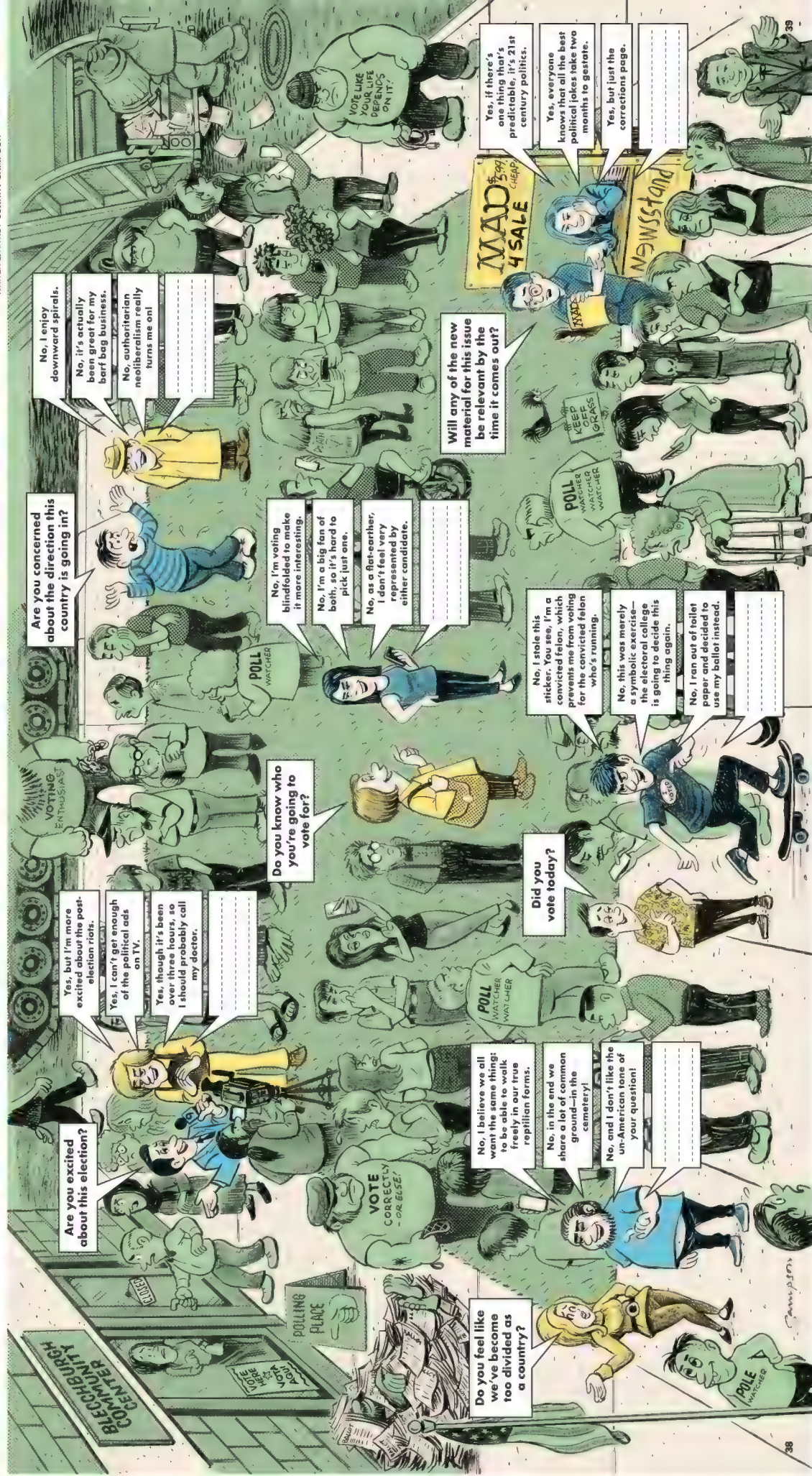
...That "Hillary Clinton has no business formulating policy — we didn't elect her!" as if we had any say about Ed Meese, John Sununu, Don Regan or Nancy Reagan's astrologer.



As if being inundated by news articles, TV ads, and your own anxiety-fueled nightmares about the election weren't enough, you find yourself having to engage in inane chit-chat about it when you leave the house. Well, don't worry, we've got you covered with...

# MAD'S SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS

WRITER & ARTIST JOHNNY SAMPSON



Are you excited about this election?

Yes, but I'm more excited about the post-election riots.

Yes, I can't get enough of the political ads on TV.

Yes, though it's been over three hours, so I should probably call my doctor.

Are you concerned about the direction this country is going in?

No, I enjoy downward spirals.

No, it's actually been great for my barf bag business.

No, authoritarian neoliberalism really turns me on!

Do you know who you're going to vote for?

No, I'm voting blindfolded to make it more interesting.

No, I'm a big fan of both, so it's hard to pick just one.

No, as a flat-earther, I don't feel very represented by either candidate.

No, I believe we all want the same thing: to be able to walk freely in our true reptilian forms.

No, in the end we share a lot of common ground—in the cemetery!

No, and I don't like the un-American tone of your question!

Do you feel like we've become too divided as a country?

Did you vote today?

No, I stole this sticker. You see, I'm a convicted felon, which prevents me from voting for the convicted felon who's running.

No, this was merely a symbolic exercise—the electoral college is going to decide this thing again.

No, I ran out of toilet paper and decided to use my ballot instead.

Will any of the new material for this issue be relevant by the time it comes out?

Yes, if there's one thing that's predictable, it's 21st century politics.

Yes, everyone knows that all the best political jokes take two months to gestate.

Yes, but just the corrections page.





## TRUMP ON TWITTER

When Twitter started in 2006, its creators admitted that they weren't exactly sure how it would be used. Sadly, now we know. It turns out that Twitter is the perfect weapon of mass distraction for President Trump to spill his misinformed, inflammatory, misguided, false and flat-out dangerous rantings. Apparently, Trump's favorite time to tweet is during one of his Presidential dumps. Ahh—take a deep breath: you can almost smell the stench as you read each 140-character expulsion of verbal diarrhea. How does our Tweeter-in-Chief do it day after day? Perhaps the answer can be found in his choice of breakfast food.

# GET THE ENERGY YOU NEED TO SEND WILD, IRRESPONSIBLE TWEETS AT THREE A.M.!

**TWEETIES**

General Ills

The Breakfast of Abusive Social Media Maniacs

**TWEETIES**

Donald Trump  
Toxic Twitter Addict

**FUELING AMERICA'S DOWNFALL SINCE 2016**

**FORTIFIED WITH COVFEFE!**

*I heard poorly rated @MorningJoe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore). Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came...to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was bleeding badly from a face-lift. I said no!*

*I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man. Save your energy Rex, we'll do what has to be done!*

*I want to be*

TRUMP A... MINE LOON

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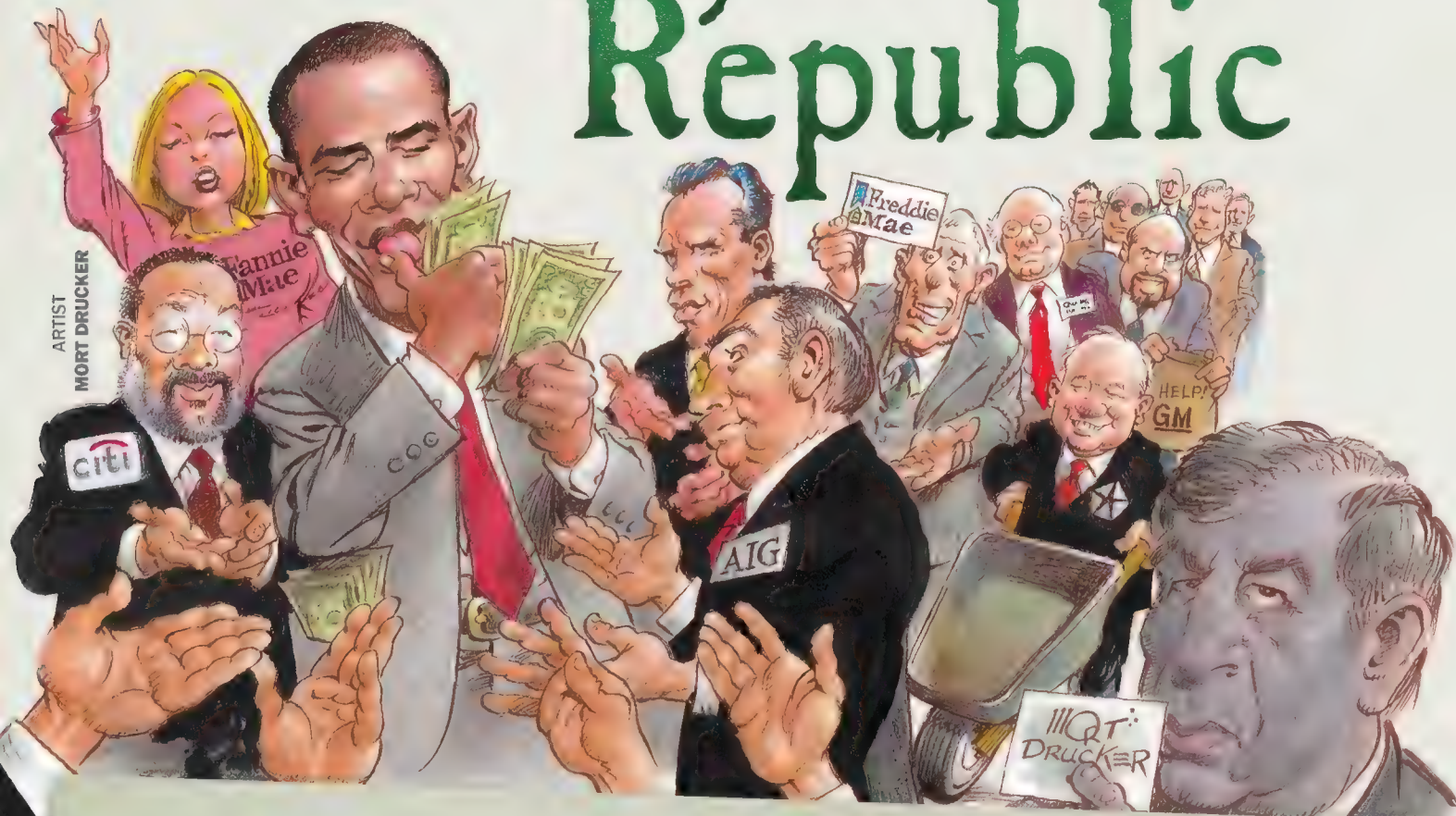
**AVAILABLE WHEREVER MISINFORMATION THRIVES!**





There's been a lot in the news lately about the U.S. government bailout of the nation's financial system. At least that's what we hear...the economy's so bad we had to sell our TV. And these days, who can afford to buy a newspaper? If you're in the same sinking boat as we are, now's your chance to catch up on the story with...

# The Bailout Hymn of the Republic

ARTIST  
MORT DRUCKER

Our eyes have seen the sorrow  
of a nation going bust,  
Filled with bankers and politicos  
that none of us can trust,  
Not to mention Wall Street profiteers  
who fill us with disgust —  
Our hopes and dreams are gone!

*Lordy, lordy, how they blunder!  
Major banks now going under!  
Years of savings torn asunder—  
Our hopes and dreams are gone!*



ARTIST JAMES WARHOLA





ARTIST GERRY GERSTEN

We're now burdened with a stimulus  
that doesn't stimulate,  
Full of all the pork and earmarks  
that Pelosi could create;  
If that's "change we can believe in,"  
then it's time to emigrate  
Once more they've led us on!

*Bailout billions they are spending!  
Down and down we are descending!  
Don't expect a happy ending—  
Once more they've led us on!*

See the Big Three automakers  
begging Congress on their knees,  
"All we need is 15 billion —  
won't you help us, pretty please?"  
They fly high in private jets  
but can't outsell the Japanese —  
Their screw-ups still go on!

*Jesus Chrysler, though they're sweating,  
'Tens of billions they'll be netting!  
They'll be back again, we're betting!  
Their screw-ups still go on!*



ARTIST ANGELO TORRES

Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac allowed  
the sub-prime loans to tank,  
Which brought on the home foreclosures  
when the housing market sank;  
If you want to play the blame game,  
give a nod to Barney Frank —  
The madness still goes on!

*Daily, daily, repossession!  
More like legalized oppression!  
Surely heading for depression!  
The madness still goes on!*



ARTIST MARY ESQUIRE, ESQ.

With Obama in the White House  
we can sit back and relax,  
Though he's tried to push through nominees  
who've cheated on their tax,  
And his spending spree's enormous  
and will stretch us to the max,  
We all must cheer him on!

*Glory, glory, idolize him!  
Praise his name and lionize him!  
Shame on all who satirize him —  
We all must cheer him on!*



ARTIST RICHARD WILLIAMS



ARTIST HERMANN MELIA

What, us worry? Yes, we do because  
our future's far from clear;  
Though we used to publish monthly,  
now it's just four times a year;  
Hey, Obama, use your clout and send  
some bailout money here —  
Somehow we'll stumble on!

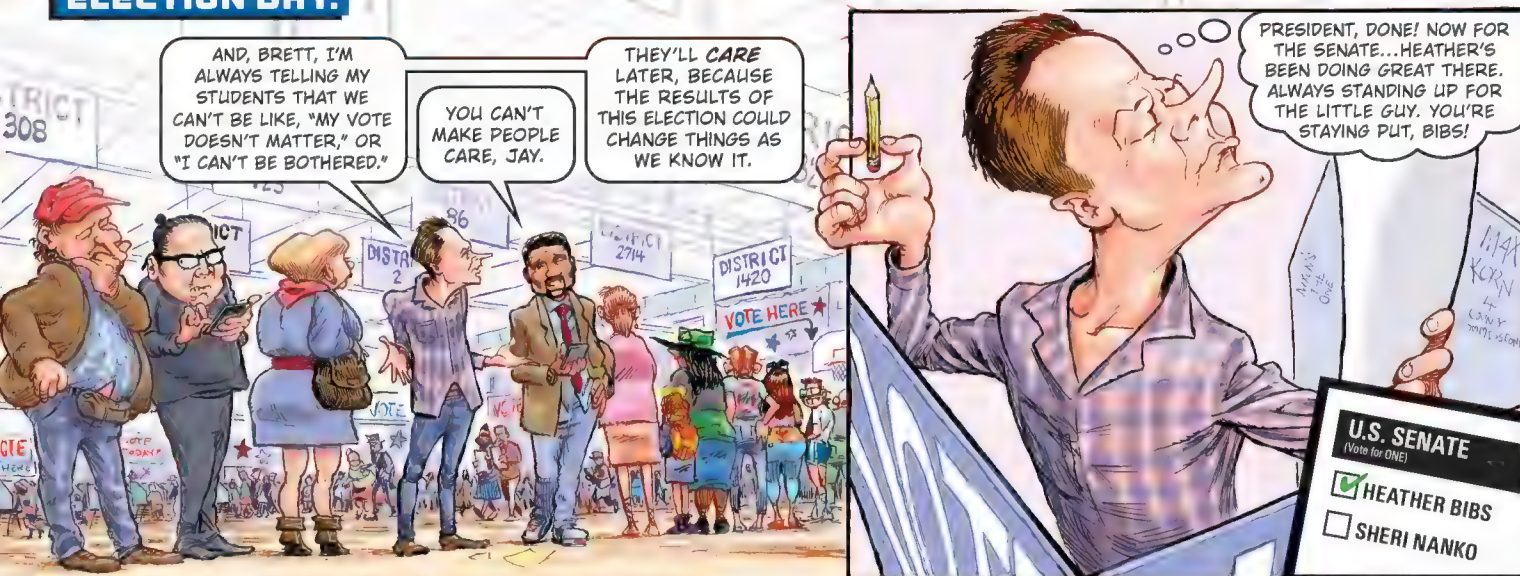
*Hurry, hurry, please don't blow it!  
Send a billion and we'll owe it!  
Sure, it's pork, but who's to know it?  
Somehow we'll stumble on!*



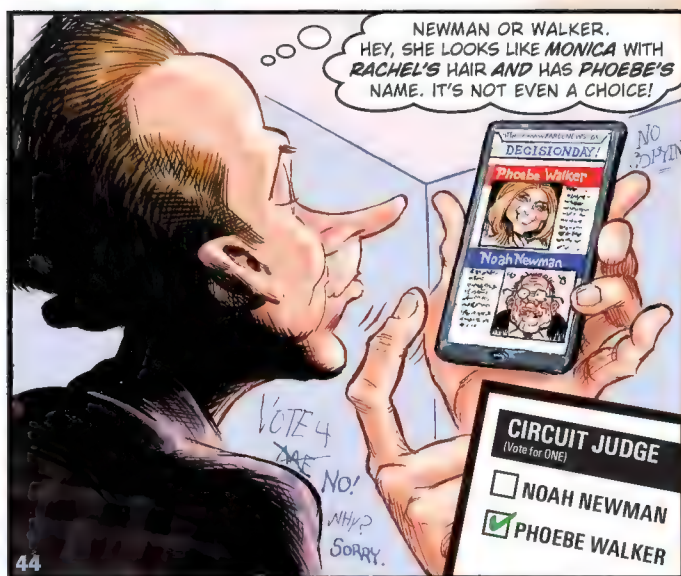
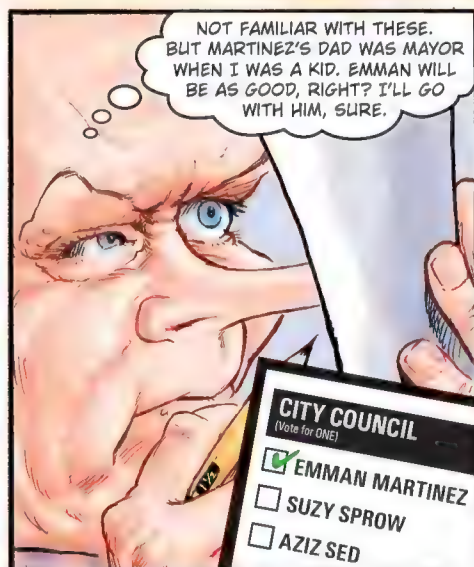


# THE BALLOT

## ELECTION DAY.



WRITER **KENNY SMITH** ARTIST **ED STECKLEY**



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ELECTION FRIGHT RETURNS DEPT.

It's been countless years of tortured, sleepless nights since we last played our ghoulish game! You might remember how it's played: we take a

familiar phrase or expression, and interpret it our own, twisted way to create a fendish monster! So, when better to play than election year? Here's

# HORRIFYING POLITICAL CLICHES

FRANK JACKSON  
ARTIST PAUL COOPER  
EDITOR CARL HARRINGTON



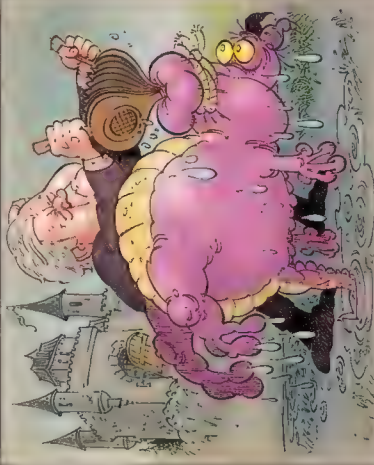
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Twisting A FACT



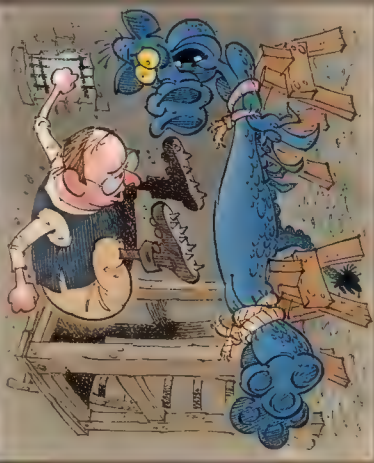
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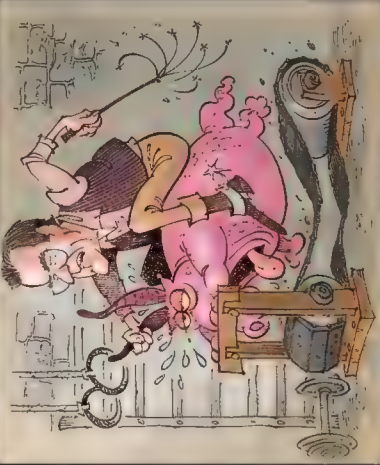


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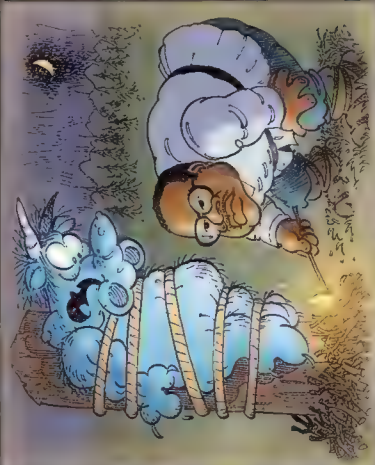


Breaking A PLEDGE

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Exercising A VETO



Feasting A VICTORY



Launching A CAMPAIGN





Hello, I'm Ty Pennington and welcome to a special edition of *Extreme Makeover* — where politicians are given the chance to completely remake their entire image! Just look at these amazing REAL quotes! Candidates ready? MOVE! THAT! POSITION! It's...

**BEFORE**

I don't think it's in the best interests of our troops or our country (to withdraw troops from Iraq).  
*2006 Take Back America Conference*

**HILLARY CLINTON**



**AFTER**

I have been saying for some time that we need to bring our combat troops home from Iraq starting right now.  
*2007 Take Back America Conference*

**AFTER**

I did not say that we would immediately go in unilaterally. What I said was that we have to work with Musharraf.  
*August 7, 2007*

**BEFORE**

If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will.  
*August 1, 2007*

**BARACK OBAMA**



**BEFORE**

One of the things we ought to be thinking about is some level of mandatory service to our country, so that everybody in America — not just the poor kids who get sent to war — are serving this country.  
*May, 2007*



**JOHN EDWARDS**

**AFTER**

I call on all members of Congress — Republican, Democrat, and Independent — to speak with one voice, and say "no" to a draft.  
*August, 2007*

# Extreme Makeover

## POLITICIAN EDITION

WRITER JEFF KRUSE ARTIST DREW FRIEDMAN

**MIKE HUGHABEE**

**BEFORE**

To think that we're going to go lock up 12 million people or even round them up and drive them to the border and let them go might make a great political speech but it's not going to happen.  
*Washington Post, May 2006*

**AFTER**

You know, I do support the Republican platform, and I support that being part of the Republican platform and I'm pro-life.  
*Good Morning America, 2007*



**MITT ROMNEY**

**BEFORE**

Well, I'm shocked that the President of the United States would pardon him. After all, he never paid a price.  
*on Mark Libby, 2001*

**AFTER**

[I] Propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country.  
*From his 'Secure America Plan' December 2007*



**RUDOLPH GIULIANI**

**AFTER**

After evaluating the facts, the President came to a reasonable decision, and I believe the decision was correct.  
*on Scooter Libby, 2007*





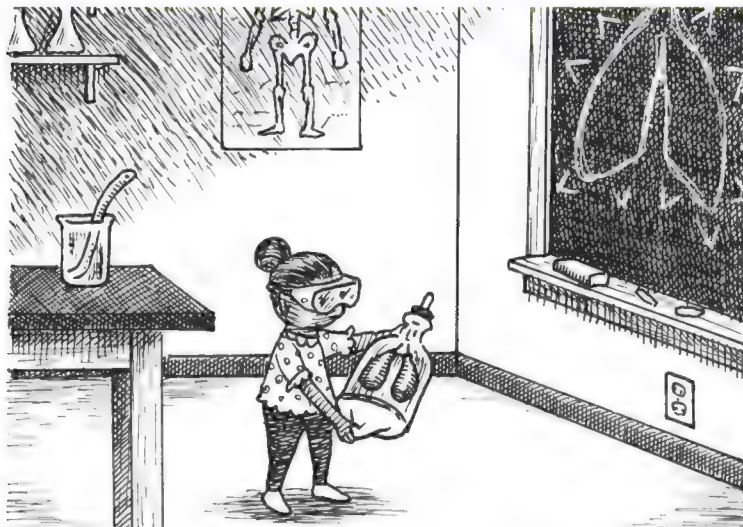


In the classic and twisted ABC book *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, illustrator Edward Gorey famously killed off 26 children in alphabetical order—one death for each letter. Each unfortunate event was as different as it was gothic—the characters were dispatched by every method imaginable, including bears, trains, and falling statues.

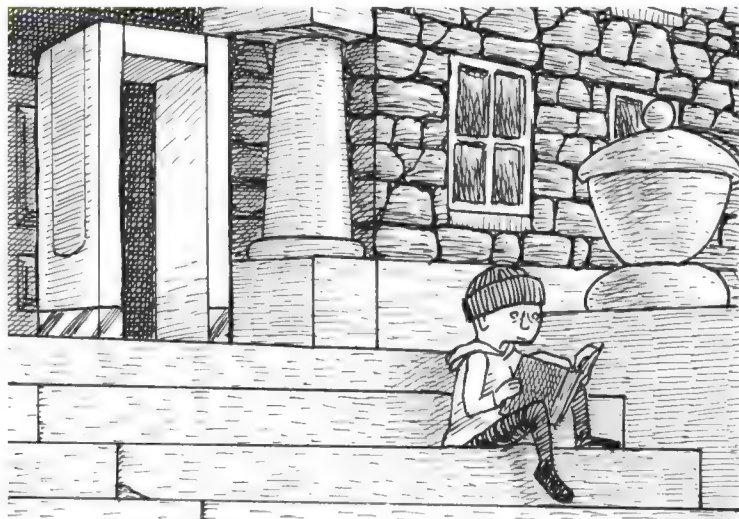
Sadly, times have changed and there's basically one way that most kids seem to die now. With that in mind, we solemnly present...

# THE GHASTLYGUN TINIES

WRITER MATT COHEN ARTIST MARC PALM



A is for ALICE the young science wiz



B is for BRIAN cramming for a quiz



C is for CONNOR in his English class

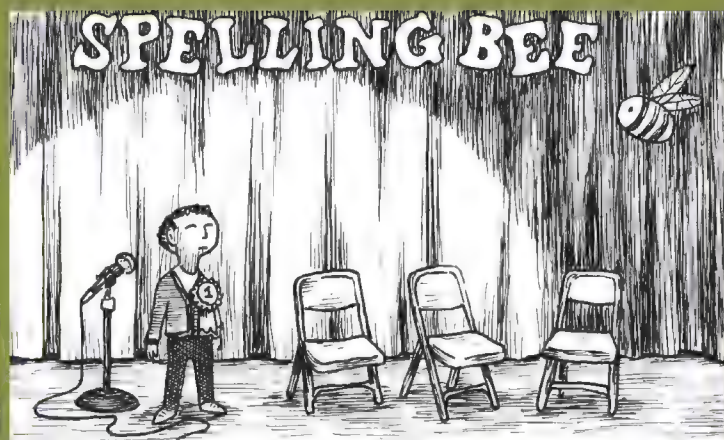


D is for DANA who had a hall pass





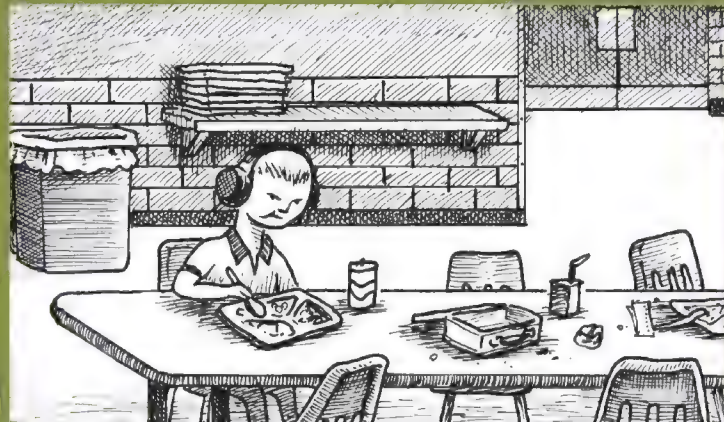
E is for EVE who's idealistic



F is for FRANK, more than a statistic



G is for GREG who was caught unawares



H is for HIRO who needs more than prayers



I is for IKE learning Shakespeare by rote



J is for JULIE who's too young to vote

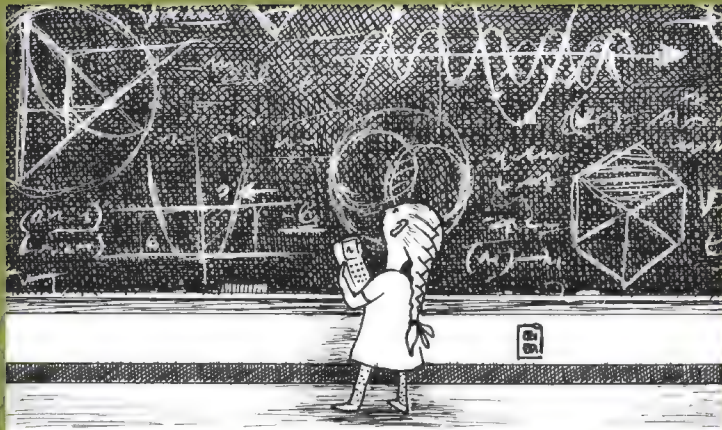


K is for KARA who's weary today



L is for LIAM reading Hemingway





M is for MEGAN who's studying math



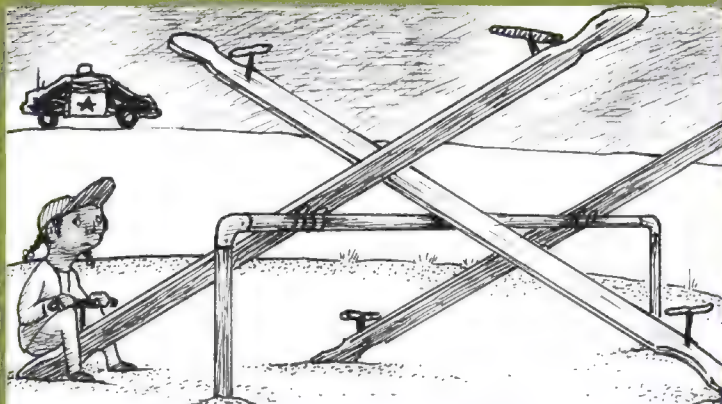
N is for NATHAN who's caught in the path



O is for OWEN learning about states



P is for PAULA protecting classmates



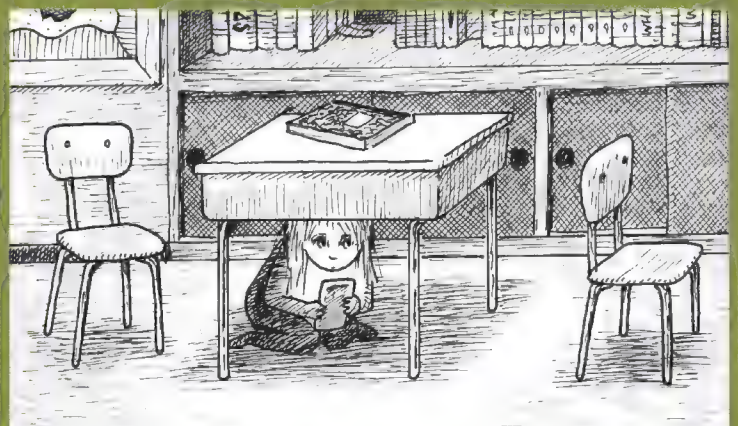
Q is for QUINN whose life had just begun



R is for REID, valued less than a gun



S is for STEPHEN who's planning for prom

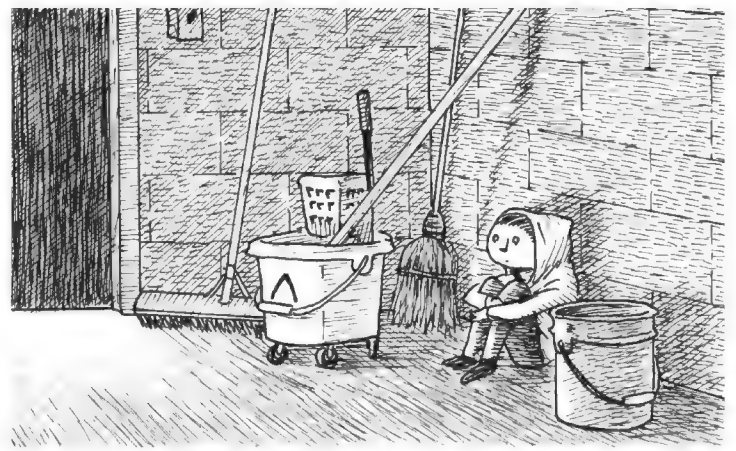


T is for TINA who's texting her mom

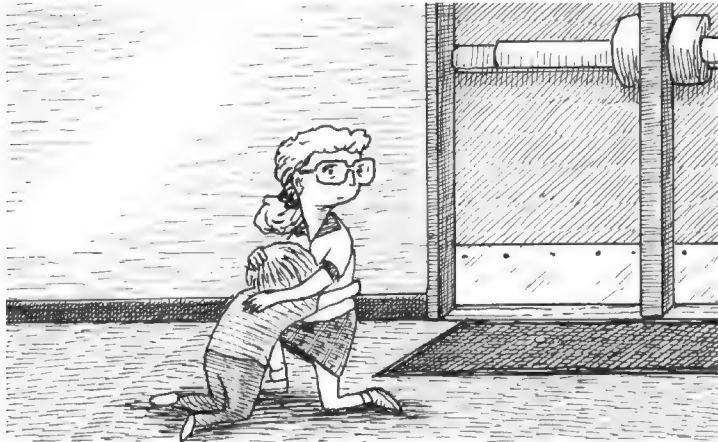




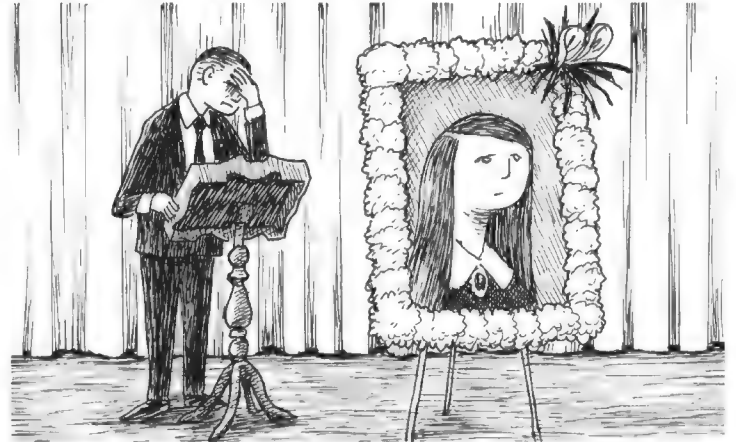
U is for UNA who ID'ed his face



V is for VINCENT who's sheltered in place



W is for WENDY, kind beyond belief



X is for XENA whose dad's crushed by grief



Y is for YURI whose time has now passed



Z is for ZOE who won't be the last





As if a recycled presidential candidate weren't bad enough, now you have to recycle all the campaign fliers clogging your mailbox. What's worse, they're not even worth reading—except maybe one...



**FINAL NOTICE**

**THIS YEAR, ELECT SOMEONE "NEU"!**

- ◆ Look at what he'd bring to the office of president: no previous experience!
- ◆ He won't use Chat AI or the system used by most politicians, Chat BS.
- ◆ He will never demean anyone—not even the sick slimeballs who oppose him.

**VOTE**  
**NEUMAN**

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WRITER  
**DICK DEBARTOLO**  
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**MARK FREDRICKSON**



# A TV AD WE'LL SOON SEE

WRITER **CHRISTIAN ALSIS**  
ARTIST **HERMANN MEJIA**

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And "Unions"... and "Teenagers"...  
And the "Very Rich"... and the "Very Poor"...  
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Now you know what a Super Patriot is.  
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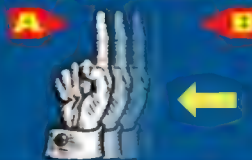


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# HERE WE GO WITH AN ALL-NEW MAD FOLD-IN

The primary residence of the Commander-in-Chief is no doubt filled with scores of important historical furnishings. However, despite some claims to the contrary, the president of the United States is also a regular person who uses ordinary appliances just like the rest of us. To see which one is used the most, fold in as shown.

SWIPE FROM B TO A TO FOLD



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THE WHITE HOUSE IS FULL OF EVERYDAY FIXTURES  
GARBAGE DISPOSALS, WASHING MACHINES, CLOTHES-  
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WRITER & ARTIST: JOHNNY SAMPSON

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**FOR PRESIDENT**

**THERE ARE BIGGER IDIOTS RUNNING!**



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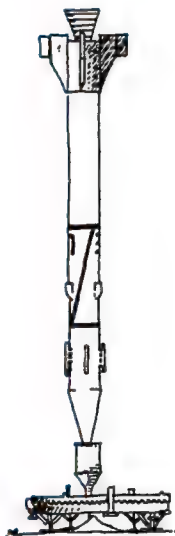
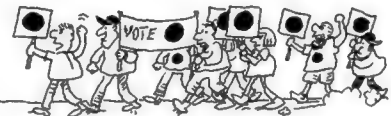


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SERGIO ARAGONES



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**RONALD REAGAN**

# NOW STARRING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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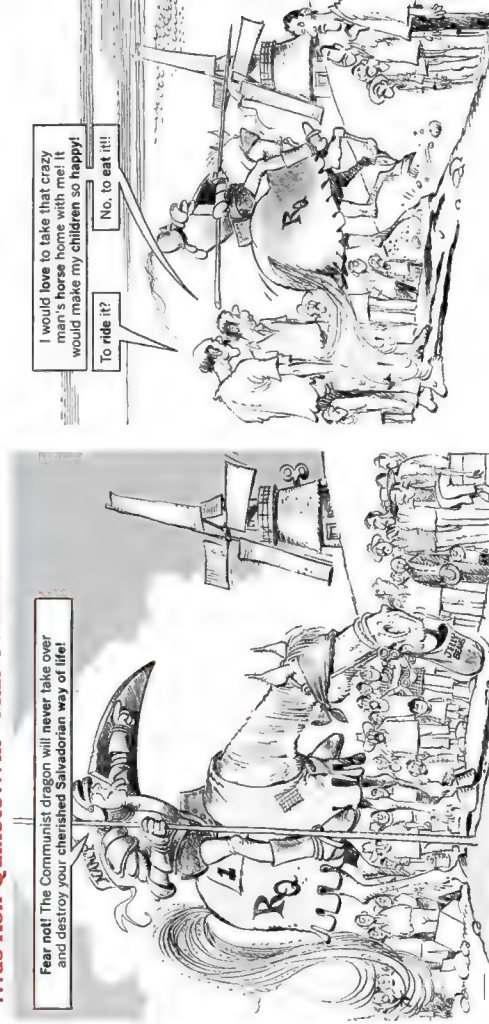
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...as Ron Corlione... in "The Godfather"...

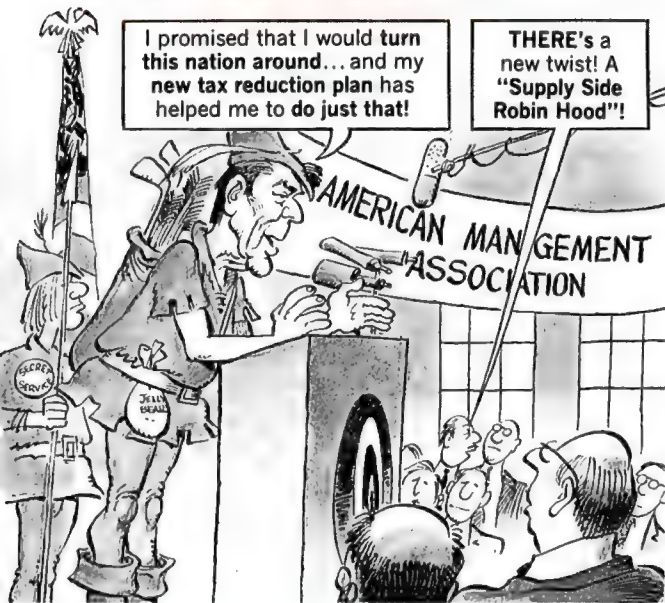


...as Ron Quixote... in "Man Of La Mancha"...





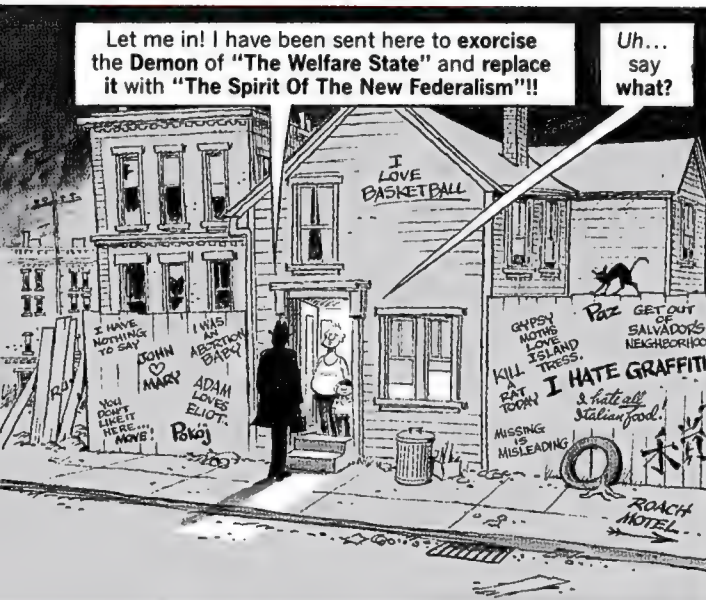
## ...as "Robin Hood"...



## ...as "Peter Pan"...



## ...as "The Exorcist"...





## ...as Moses... in "The Ten Commandments" ...



## ...as Merlin... in "Camelot" ...



## ...as Scrooge... in "A Christmas Carol" ...

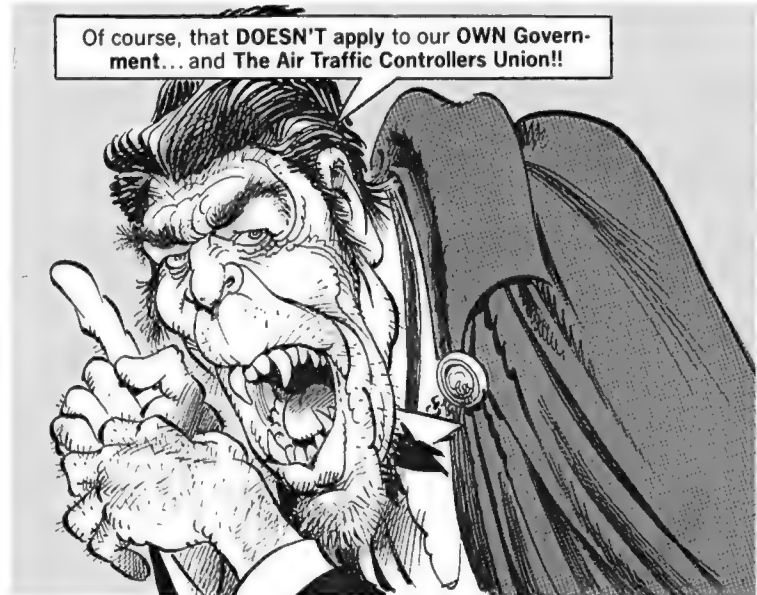




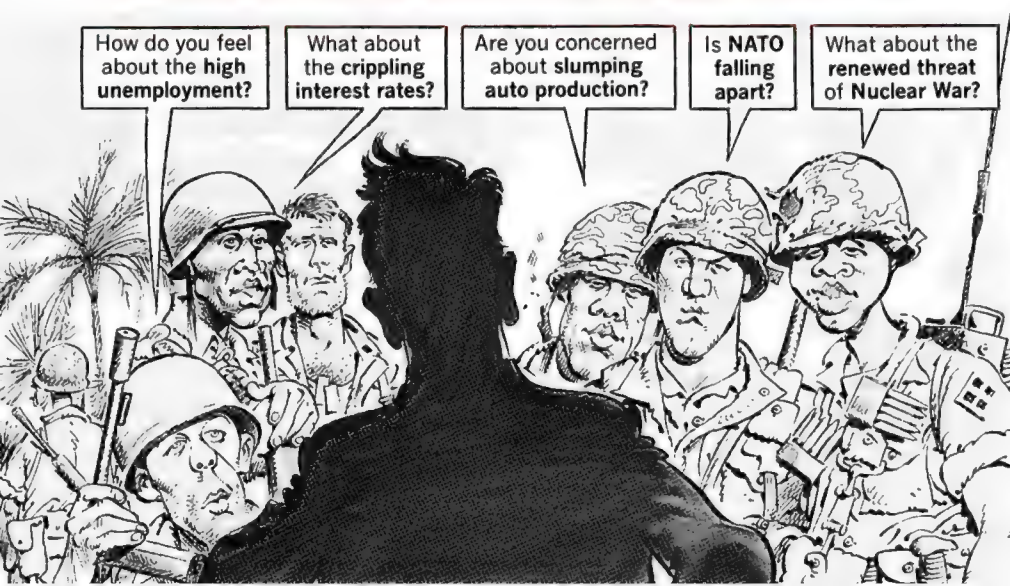
...as Simon Legree... in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"...



...as "Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde" ...



...as What's-His-Name in "Apocalypse Now"...





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Many naive people still believe that most Politicians are honest, that they have integrity, and that their main concern and motivation is to "serve the people". If you believe in that, you're off your rocker! To find out what believing in that is like, fold in page.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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WRITER & ARTIST AL JAFFEE

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